

Record Group 104. Entry 1.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

RG 104 RECORDS OF THE
BUREAU OF THE MINT
U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

1878 - DEC. Silver Invoices
To
1879 - MAR.

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1878 / NOV - DEC SILVER INVOICES

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 20 day of Dec, 1878, by John Seligman
 of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 12 day of December, 1878, at the rate of
110 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6988	1090.30	
9	1064.65	
90	1043.55	
1	1059.05	
2	1075.—	
3	1069.65	
4	1065.50	
5	1083.75	
6	1050.70	
7	1057.10	
8	1092.20	
9	1102.55	
7000	1070.70	
1	1054.60	
2	1035.05	
3	1062.70	
4	1064.45	
5	1079.90	
6	1062.75	
7	1060.30	
8	1097.40	
9	1071.35	
10	1036.70	
	<u>24549.90</u>	

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

J. M. Seligman & Co.

OF

Ny.

the *20* day of *Dec*, 187*8*

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *12* day of *Dec*

187*8*, at *110* cents per ounce fine.

Duplicate

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
on the 19 day of December, 1878, by Laidlaw & Co
of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the _____ day of _____, 1877, at the rate of
_____ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6959	1049.50	999
60	1073.10	"
61	1061.65	"
62	1079.30	"
63	1109.90	"
64	1073.60	"
65	1091.40	"
66	1061.10	"
67	1045.05	"
68	1051.85	"
69	1071.90	"
70	1068.15	"
71	1108.70	"
72	1067.30	"
73	1039.90	"
74	1038.70	"
75	1082.50	"
76	1057.20	"
77	1038.90	"
78	1039.80	"
79	1060.30	"
80	1062.20	"
81	1075.20	"
82	1066.85	"
83	1041.95	"
84	1070.70	"
85	1073.95	"
86	1062.00	"
87	1081.05	"
	<u>30923.70</u>	

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Laird & Co

OF

Wm. J.

the *19* day of *Dec*, 187*8*,

on account of sale made to the Director of

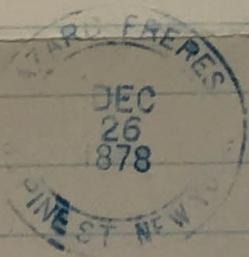
the Mint, the day of

187 , at cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 23^d day of December, 1878, by E. Balbach, per Newark
of Lazard Freres, on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 18th day of December, 1878, at the rate of
109.75 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
7055	1068.60	999
7056	1081.90	"
7057	1063.20	"
7058	1029.30	"
7059	1036.50	"
7060	1057.60	"
7061	1081.10	"
7062	1058.70	"
7063	1047.70	"
7064	1045.70	"
	<u>10570.30 g.</u>	



INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

OF

the day of Dec, 1878.

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the day of

187 , at cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 16 day of Nov, 1878, by E. Balbach Son
 of Newark, N. J., on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 13 day of Nov, 1878, at the rate of
\$1.106 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars. for account of Laidlaw & Co New York

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6514	1090.10	
6515	1081.85	
6516	1036.00	
6517	1092.00	
6518	1115.55	
6519	1094.60	
6520	1084.55	
6521	1086.90	
6522	1089.30	
6523	1069.85	
6524	1081.30	
6525	1055.90	
6526	1041.75	
6527	1048.55	
6528	1064.90	
6529	1061.70	
6530	1048.65	
6531	1079.35	
6532	1043.45	
6533	1052.10	
6534	1062.35	
6535	1062.50	
6536	1074.30	
6537	1072.30	
6538	1031.70	
6539	1059.00	
6540	1075.70	
6541	1061.40	
6542	1063.10	
6543	1076.40	
	<u>32057.10</u>	

Duplicate

999

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

*Ed Ballbach & Son
Newark*

*for use of
Laidlaw & Co*

OF

NY
the *16* day of *Nov*, 187*8*

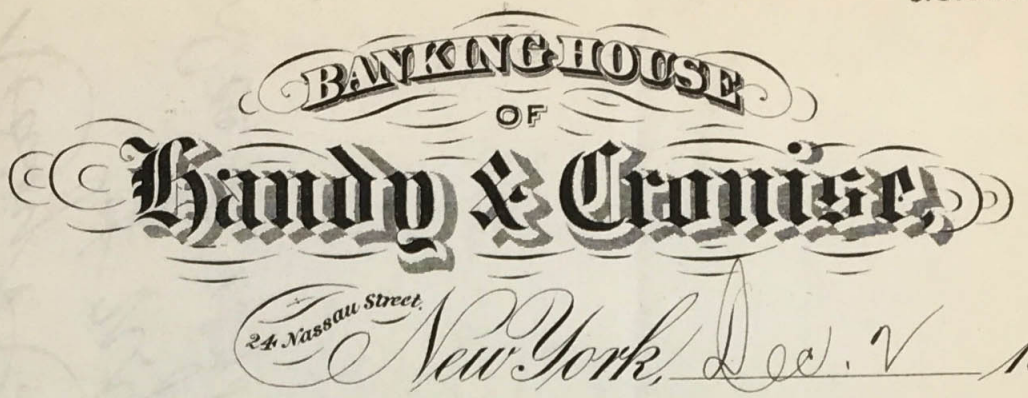
on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *13* day of *Nov*

187*8*, at *110* cents per ounce fine.



P.O. Box. 2442.



Shipped

8 plain bars.

1.016 "	1534.100020	9998
17	1.516.40.	
18	1.595.70.	
19	1.599.85	
20	924.25	
1	1.500.95	
2	1.374.10	
1.023	1.608.60	
11.653.95.		

Invoice

Fine Silver
from

Hardy & Crozier
of N.Y.

Dec. 2, 1878

Duplicate

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
on the ²⁷ day of *November*, 1878, by *Sam'l Meyer*
of *New York*, on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the ²⁰ day of *November*, 1878, at the rate of
110⁶⁵ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6629	1052.20	999
30	1079.20	
31	1068.80	
32	1062.00	
33	1062.90	
34	1065.35	
35	1039.20	
36	1047.05	
37	1021.50	
38	1074.35	
39	1038.75	
40	1088.40	
41	1071.40	
42	1062.50	
43	1067.90	
44	1085.60	
45	1075.45	
46	1053.35	
47	1087.95	
48	1078.40	
49	1045.40	
50	1042.90	
51	1097.55	
52	1063.75	
53	1115.75	
	<u>26647.60</u>	999

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

M Meyer

OF

New York

the *27* day of *Nov*, 187*8*,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *20* day of *Nov*

187*8*, at *110⁶⁵* cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 29 day of November, 1878, by Moritz Meyer
 of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 20 day of November, 1878, at the rate of
1.10⁶⁵ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6655	1029.90	999
56	1046.10	"
57	1054.50	"
58	1032.75	"
	<u>4163.25</u>	

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

M Meyer

OF

New York

the *29* day of *Nov*, 187*8*,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *20* day of *Nov*

187*8*, at *110*^{*65*} cents per ounce fine.

Duplicate

DUPLICATA. INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
on the 2 day of December, 1878, by Lazard Freres
of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the 27th day of November, 1878, at the rate of
1.11¹⁰ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6711	1057.50	999
12	1097.20	"
13	1053.75	"
14	1080.25	"
15	1074.70	"
16	1080.00	"
17	1053.30	"
18	1053.70	"
19	1039.40	"
20	1020.50	"
21	1077.25	"
22	1049.05	"
23	1049.70	"
24	1070.35	"
	<u>14856.65</u>	

LAZARD FRERES.

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Lazard Freres

OF

New York

the *2* day of *Dec*, 187*8*,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *27* day of *Nov*

187*8*, at *111*^{*10*} cents per ounce fine.

Duplicate

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
on the 9 day of December, 1878, by Laidlaw & Co
of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the 4 day of December, 1878, at the rate of
1.10⁹⁴ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6829	1066.35	999
30	1075.40	
31	1074.10	
32	1039.65	
33	1072.15	
34	1068.55	
35	1065.40	
36	1050.20	
37	1053.20	
38	1061.10	
39	1067.75	
40	1056.80	
41	1052.05	
42	1074.10	
43	1033.30	
44	1047.15	
45	1079.30	
46	1100.40	
47	1049.25	
48	1080.40	
49	1080.75	
50	1076.65	
51	1063.80	
52	1047.35	
6853	1066.20	
<u>Total</u>	<u>26601.35</u>	999

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Laidlaw & Co
OF

New York

the 9 day of Dec, 1878

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the 4 day of Dec

1878 at 110⁹⁴ cents per ounce fine.

Duplicate

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
on the 30 day of Nov, 1878, by E. B. Balbach & Son
of Newark, N. J. on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the 27 day of Nov, 1878, at the rate of
1.11²⁰ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars. for account of *Laidlaw & Co New York*

NO. OF BAR.

WEIGHT—OUNCES.

FINENESS.

6659	1080.10	999
60	1059.15	"
61	1070.05	"
62	1061.15	"
63	1050.05	"
64	1049.20	"
65	1040.45	"
66	1005.30	"
67	1074.35	"
68	1044.75	"
69	1015.15	"
70	1048.35	"
71	1069.65	"
72	1041.85	"
73	1045.25	"
74	1067.40	"
75	1002.70	"
76	1047.70	"
77	1043.60	"
78	1073.00	"
79	1034.05	"
80	1070.65	"
81	1090.30	"
82	1073.85	"
83	1040.05	"
84	1052.80	"
85	1069.00	"
86	1052.80	"
87	1027.25	"
88	1016.50	"
89	1028.10	"
90	1061.25	"
91	1043.90	"
92	1068.60	"
93	1091.60	"
94	1063.85	"
95	1049.50	"
96	1042.80	"
97	1049.30	"
98	1069.25	"
99	1061.05	"
6700	1044.30	"

44189.95

Laidlaw & Co

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

OF

the day of , 187 ,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the day of

187 , at cents per ounce fine.

Duplicate

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
on the 2 day of Dec, 1878, by E. Balbach & Son
of Newark, N. J., on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the 27 day of Nov, 1878, at the rate of
\$1.112 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars. *a/c of Laidlaw & Co New York*

NO. OF BAR.

WEIGHT—OUNCES.

FINENESS.

6725	1056.85	999
6726	1042.55	"
6727	1065.40	"
6728	1033.00	"
6729	1077.95	"
6730	1080.80	"
	6356.55	

Laidlaw & Co

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

W. Balbach & Son
Newark N.J.

for account of
Laidlaw & Co
N.Y.

the *30* day of *Nov*, 187*8*

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *27* day of *Nov*

187*8*, at *11 1/2* cents per ounce fine.

Duplicate

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
on the 2 day of December, 1878, by Levitz Meyer
of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the 20 day of November, 1878, at the rate of
1.11 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6731	1064.50	999
32	1064.40	"
33	1055.25	"
34	1084.70	"
35	1037.50	"
36	1063.70	"
37	1062.90	"
38	1068.45	"
39	1072.65	"
40	1065.80	"
41	1045.25	"
42	1050.90	"
43	1070.30	"
44	1055.90	"
45	1030.15	"
46	1055.80	"
	<u>16948.15</u>	

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Moritz Meyer

OF

New York

the *2* day of *Dec*, 187*8*,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *20* day of *Nov*

187*8*, at *111* cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 27 day of Nov, 1877, by Handy & Son
 of , on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 20th day of Nov, 1878, at the rate of
 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
1 1/2" platb bar. # 971	1.566.55	999
2	1.567.55	"
3	1.594.5	"
4	1.667.90	"
5	1.547.35	"
6	1.612.10	"
7	1.592.10	"
8	1.662.10	"
9	1.444.10	"
80	1.492.30	"
981	1.607.25	"
	<u>17.353.30</u>	

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Hardy & Cronise

OF

New York

the *24th* day of *Nov.*, 187*8*,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *20th* day of *Nov.*,

187*8*, at _____ cents per ounce fine.

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 18 day of Nov, 1878, by Handy Cromised
 of My. on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 6 day of Nov. 1878, at the rate of
 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6 bags W. S. A.	1.438.51	999
	1.408.60	"
	1.427.12	"
7279 {	1.378.✓	"
	1.386.76	"
	1.378.05	"
11 "plate" bars. 7280	1.665.60	"
1 13	1.677.60	"
2 14	1.613.20	"
3 15	1.561.10	"
4 16	1.657.65	"
5 17	1.637.45	"
6 18	1.701.05	"
7 19	1.528.95	"
8 20	1.577	"
9 21	1.686.80	"
7290 22	1.588.15	"
	<u>26.311.65</u>	

Nov 19th 1878
Duplicate
INVOICE *# 54*

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Wm. H. Brown

OF

New York

the *19th* day of *Nov*, 1878,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *6th* day of *Nov*

187 *8* at _____ cents per ounce fine.

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the *21* day of *Nov.*, 1878, by *Handy & Cronin*
 of *New York*, on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the *8th* day of *Nov.*, 1878, at the rate of
 _____ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
<i>9 Platt bars.</i>		
<i># 935</i>	<i>1621.65</i>	<i>999</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>1568.05</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>1543.45</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>1669.60</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>1480.50</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>940</i>	<i>1553.15</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>1500.10</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>1618.35</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>1524.30</i>	<i>"</i>
	<u><i>14.084.15</i></u>	

Nov 22nd 1878
Hardy & Cronise
Duplicate

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Hardy & Cronise

OF

New York

the 21st day of Nov, 1878

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the 6th day of Nov

1878, at _____ cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
on the 25 day of Nov., 1878, by Haudy & Cronise
of Cty., on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the 13th day of Nov, 1878, at the rate of
 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.

WEIGHT—OUNCES.

FINENESS.

11 Platt Bars
Phil. St.

7440	960	1644.40	999
1	1	1565.75	"
2	2	1611.30	"
3	3	1440.90	"
4	4	1562.35	"
7445	5	1545.90	"
6	6	1557.90	"
7	7	1627.60	"
8	8	1578.65	"
9	9	1628.10	"
7450	40	<u>1624.55</u>	"
		<u>17415.70</u>	<u>025.</u>

16 Bars

Assay Bars

1434.49

1390.

1375.05

1388.73

1437.85

1386.11

1416.62

1390.79

1410.68

1386.54

1409.83

1402.

1570.14

1434.34

1430.05

1424.49

17640.51 035.

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Keweenaw

OF

New York

the *23th* day of *Nov.*, 187*8*,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *13th* day of *Nov.*

187*8*, at _____ cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 8 day of Nov. , 187 , by Handy & Brown.
 of New York , on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 6th day of Nov. , 1878, at the rate of
 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
Fifteen bags. N.Y. & Co. fine Silver.	1.409.20	999
	1.369.10	"
	1.440.50	"
	1.364.21	"
	1.367.05	"
	1.408.84	"
	1.331.01	"
	1.307.24	"
	1.384.10	"
	1.399.89	"
	1.422.03	"
	1.340.12	"
	1.367.21	"
	1.410.31	"
	1.405.55	"
	1.409.15	"
22.129.97		
8 bars. to mt. # 852	1.533.30	"
3	1.596.10	"
4	1.556.60	"
5	1.537.60	"
6	1.598.60	"
7	1.590.30	"
8	1.401.80	"
9	1.714.80	"
24.659.03		

Duplicate

INVOICE # *47*

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

H. & Cronin

OF

New York

the *5th* day of *April*, 187*8*,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *6th* day of *Nov*

187*8*, at _____ cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 9 day of Nov. , 187 , by J. Bandy Minister
 of New York , on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 6th day of Nov. , 1878, at the rate of
 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
4 Four bags. N.Y. & O. fine silver.	1.045.97	999
	1.078.27	"
	1.054.14	"
	1.028.50	"
	<u>4.156.84</u>	
12 Twelve bars. # 860.	1.535.70	"
	1.537.30	"
	1.587.60	"
	1.603.	"
	1.533.40	"
	1.543.	"
	1.591.90	"
	1.644.20	"
	1.313.50	"
	1.478.75	"
	1.549.10	"
871.	1.520.90	"
	<u>22.585.19</u>	

Duplicate

INVOICE *# 48*

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Handy House

OF

New York

the *7th* day of *Nov*, 187*8*.

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *6th* day of *Nov*

187*8*, at _____ cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 11th day of Nov^r, 1878, by Handy & Russell
 of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 11th day of Nov^r, 1878, at the rate of
 _____ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
5 bars N.Y.C.	1.451.42	999
	1.385.75	"
	1.436.30	"
	1.470.78	"
	1.468.40	"
	<u>7.212.15</u>	
7 bars "platt"	1.550.10	"
	1.605.30	"
	1.537.15	"
	1.606.55	"
	1.437.75	"
	1.499.65	"
	1.741.55	"
	<u>18.185.20</u>	

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 11th day of Nov^r, 1878, by *Gandy (ruse)*
 of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 6th day of Nov^r, 1878, at the rate of
 _____ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
5 bars N.Y.A.O.	1.451.42	999
	1.385.75	"
	1.436.30	"
	1.470.78	"
	1.468.40	"
7 bars "platt"	<u>7.212.15</u>	
	1.550.10	"
	1.605.30	"
	1.537.15	"
	1.606.55	"
	1.432.75	"
	1.499.65	"
	1.741.55	"
	<u>18.185.20</u>	

Duplicate

INVOICE *# 49*

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Handy & Brown

OF

N York

the *12th* day of *Nov*, 187*8*.

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *6th* day of *Nov*

187*8* at _____ cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

on the 15 day of Nov, 1878 by Handy Bros.

of ^{My} , on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the 6 day of Nov. , 1878, at the rate of

cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.

WEIGHT—OUNCES.

FINENESS.

7218 b. plat 7218 891	1.587.10.	999
9 8	1.610.80	"
7220 9	1.609.60	"
1 900	1.662.70	"
2 1	1.683.20	"
3 2	1.586.25	"
	9.139.65	9438 90

Reaffiliated
INVOICE *# 52*

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Handy & Cronin

OF

New York

the *16th* day of *Nov*, 1878,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *6th* day of *Nov*

1878, at _____ cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 20 day of ctm, 1878, by Kandy & Crouse
 of N.Y., on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 6 day of Nov, 1878, at the rate of
 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
12 "Plattbars" 923.	1197.35	999
4	1645.35	"
5	1645.50	"
6	1669.95	"
7	1486.15	"
8	1560.60	"
9	1595.55	"
30	1574.95	"
1	1611.75	"
2	1570.40	"
3	1552.30	"
934	1494.90	"
	<u>18.617.75</u>	

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Haudy & Prouse

OF

New York.

the *20th* day of *Apr*, 187*8*

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *6th* day of *Nov*

187, at _____ cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the *23* day of *Nov.*, 1878, by *Kandy & Cronin*
 of *C.M.F.*, on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the *6th* day of *Nov.*, 1878, at the rate of
 _____ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
<i>9 Platt bars</i>		
<i>944</i>	<i>1180.30</i>	<i>999.</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>1408.10</i>	
<i>6</i>	<i>1441.55</i>	
<i>7</i>	<i>1684.60</i>	
<i>8</i>	<i>1590.45</i>	
<i>9</i>	<i>1537.80</i>	
<i>50</i>	<i>1576.10</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>1559.80</i>	
<i>2</i>	<i>1570.85</i>	
	<u><i>13574.55</i></u>	

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Wendy Louise

OF

New York

the 23rd day of Nov, 1878

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the 6th day of Nov

1878 at _____ cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, .
 on the 13 day of Nov, 1878, by Handy & House
 of Calif., on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 13 day of Nov, 1878, at the rate of
 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.

WEIGHT—OUNCES.

FINENESS.

7 Platt bars

3 1574.55

999

4 1109.75

5 1418.15

6 1470.05

7 1639.70

8 1598.90

9 1591.10

10401.40

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Handy & Co

OF

New York

the *23rd* day of *Nov*, 187*8*

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *18th* day of *Nov*,

187*8*, at _____ cents per ounce fine.

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 25 day of November, 1878, by J. W. Seligman
 of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 20 day of November, 1878, at the rate of
110 ⁶⁵ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6580.	1081.30	999
81	1066.95	
82	1086.65	
83	1082.45	
84	1086.45	
85	1083.80	
86	1089.10	
87	1075.55	
88	1070.10	
89	1058.15	
90	1094.80	
91	1077.90	
92	1074.80	
93	1086.90	
94	1050.00	
95	1059.30	
96	1078.85	
97	1061.70	
98	1087.80	
99	1077.40	
6600.	1085.40	
01	1098.25	
02	1084.25	
03	1108.95	
04	1074.10	
05	1078.70	
06	1089.55	
07	1071.50	
08	1075.75	
<u>31 3 16 40</u>		

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

J. W. Feligman & Co

OF

New York

the *25th* day of *Nov.*, 187*8*,

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the *20* day of *Nov*

187*8*, at *110⁶⁵* cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 19 day of November, 1878, by E. Balbach & Son
 of Newark N.J., on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the _____ day of _____, 187 , at the rate of
 _____ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars. for account of Imp Laidlaw & Co New York

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
6544	1043.90	999
6545	1069.40	"
6546	1055.50	"
6547	1038.70	"
6548	1088.60	"
6549	1087.40	"
6550	1065.10	"
6551	1075.20	"
6552	1105.70	"
6553	1030.60	"
6554	1053.85	"
6555	1052.00	"
6556	1044.30	"
6557	1041.50	"
6558	1061.80	"
6559	1030.95	"
6560	1056.05	"
Total	18000.55	"

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Laidlaw & Co

OF

New York
Per E. Balbach & Son, Newark,
the *19th* day of *Nov*, 187*8*

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the _____ day of _____

187 , at _____ cents per ounce fine.

Duplicate

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
on the 10 day of January, 1879, by Laidlaw & Co
of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the 8 day of January, 1879, at the rate of
1.0885 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINESS.
7297	1048.55	999
7298	1082.05	"
7299	1076.90	"
7300	1092.70	"
7301	1052.85	"
7302	1047.70	"
7303	1074.95	"
7304	1082.40	"
7305	1089.00	"
7306	1093.90	"
7307	1091.70	"
7308	1082.60	"
7309	1079.70	"
7310	1087.65	"
7311	1068.90	"
7312	1087.40	"
7313	1055.45	"
7314	1054.20	"
7315	1071.30	"
7316	1084.60	"
7317	1083.15	"
7318	1080.65	"
7319	1065.50	"
7320	1093.35	"
7321	1074.00	"
7322	1086.20	"
7323	1053.05	"
7324	1087.25	"
	<u>30127.65</u>	

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

OF

the day of *January*, 187*9*

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the day of

187, at cents per ounce fine.

Duplicate

INVOICE

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
on the 18 day of January, 1879, by Laidlaw & Co
of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
the Mint, on the 8 day of January, 1879, at the rate of
108 85 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
7404	1039.30	999
7405	1078.90	
7406	1049.30	
7407	1069.10	
7408	1072.50	
7409	1045.20	
7410	1068.25	
7411	1015.40	
7412	1059.45	
7413	1090.05	
7414	1055.05	
7415	1093.05	
7416	1053.25	
7417	1045.10	
	<u>14833.90</u>	999

J. Balbach & Son
Superintendent

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

OF

the day of , 1879

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the day of

187 , at cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 17 day of January, 1879, by E. Ballbach & Son
 of Newark, on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 8 day of January, 1879, at the rate of
 1.08 ⁹⁰/₁₀₀ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

for account of Moritz Meyer Box 3461 New York

NO. OF BAR.

WEIGHT—OUNCES.

FINENESS.

19 Bars
 No 7385
 7403

20200 ⁹⁵/₁₀₀

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

OF

the day of , 187⁹
on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the day of

187 , at cents per ounce fine.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 22 day of January, 1879, by Handy & Crouse
 of New York, on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the _____ day of _____, 187____, at the rate of
 _____ cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
7431	1090.65	999
7432	1062.50	"
7433	1041.20	"
7434	1058.75	"
7435	1075.70	"
7436	1064.10	"
7437	1062.35	"
7438	1060.55	"
7439	1058.25	"
7440	1085.50	"
7441	1075.25	"
7442	1057.75	"
7443	870.65	"
Total	<u>13663.20</u>	

INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

OF

the day of , 187 9
on account of sale made to the Director of
the Mint, the day of
187 , at cents per ounce fine.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1878 / NOV - DEC SILVER INVOICES

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/JANUARY

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

January 17th 1879.

Wm. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

Referring to the letter of Acting Director Prestor to you, in which he gives an extract from a letter of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, stating that from alterations having been made in the reverse die of the Standard Dollar, pieces now struck were thicker, so much so that in a pile of twenty the height was increased one piece, and which letter you were kind enough to show me, I have the honor to say, that I procured from our Cashier twenty (20) standard dollars of 1878, struck, it is confidently believed, three or four months ago, and compared that pile of twenty (20) pieces

pieces, with ~~twenty~~ a pile of twenty (20)
pieces off of a pair of new dies, just put in
the press this morning, and also with a pile
of twenty (20) pieces off ^{of} a pair of dies in
use for a day or two, and found the height
of each pile to be the same. The
height of each was found to be two-and-
a-quarter ($2\frac{1}{4}$) inches.

Very Respectfully

Your Obl. Servant

W. C. Borbyshell
Comer.

O. C. Bostyshell

Cairn

January 17/79

Reports no diff-
-ficulty in piling
\$44 Silver dollars -
and no trouble
with the dies, as
reported at the
Pamlico Mint.

Recd Jan'y 1879

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

January 17th, 1879.

Hon James Pollock
Sup^r U.S. Mint Philadelphia
Sir.

Of your order of
Jan^y 17 for 24 Obverse and 24 Reverse Standard
Dollar Dies, the 24 Reverse most wanted shall be
shipped to San Francisco to morrow the 18th

On the subject of their complaint of the height of
the pile of 20 coins. I would observe that there
has been no alteration in the dies since they were
approved of, and we have tried this morning ^{coins} of
1878. and of 1879, in piles of 20.. and they were quite
equal, in height. and if they will use any dies sent
them in response to their order of Oct^r 25 for the year
1879 they will find the same result.

I respectfully suggest. it is possible they may

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, , 187 .

have used some Reverse die sent in the early part of the year 1878, before the coin was finally approved of, and working this piece with an Obverse sent for 1879 may have caused the difference.

Very Respectfully Yours
W. Barber
Overman

Mint of the United States,

PHILADELPHIA,

January 17, 1879.

~~JAMES POLLOCK,~~

~~Superintendent.~~

Am. Barber,

Engraver

Subject: _____

Explaining defects
Reported in Reverse
die for Standard Silver
dollar now at the
San Francisco Mint.

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Recd Jan'y 17/79

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

, 187 .

or deduct from their account, the charge of
1 1/2¢ per oz for every ounce received of grade
below 998. This seems to me to be the only
practicable way of manufacturing rapidly &
securing the Government from loss,

Respectfully Yours

(Signed)

Saml. Booth.
M. & R.

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

January 21, 1879.

Jas. C. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

(Copy)

Report on inferior
bars from Hantz & Son
New York; and suggesting
regulations to remedy
the evil.

No. of Enclosures, —

Recd Jan'y 21/79

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

(Copy)

21st Jan'y, 1879.

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent

Sir,

Upon information given me by the Receiving Clerk, I find that of the lot of Silver bars received this day from Messers Handy & Cronise N.Y. 5 bars assay, according to Invoice & Stamp 985. 991, 987. 984. 986. for N^o 384 to 388, Phila titles.

We have just passed through the experience of bars of low grade, & I refer to my letter to You of 18th Inst. for the results in part, of using them without regular acid refining. I will add in relation to the last that this Mint is yet to bear the cost of refining them which may be 1¢ @ 1 1/2 ¢ per oz without remedy, if the Purchase Money has been paid, You will also recollect that one bar of alleged assay, about 990, went down under our assay

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

....., 187 .

.....
Melter and Refiner.

No. of Enclosures,

assay. to about 930, & proved moreover to be of very inferior quality, giving rise to disagreeing & disagreeable correspondence. "Would it not be advisable, under these circumstances to fall back on the Regulations about receiving Bullion from the N.Y. assay office, requiring it to be not less than 996 or 8 fine, because if lower, it may contain sufficient embrittling metal, to prevent its making coin, unless refined by acid. Of such a Regulation was applicable to the assay office N.Y. a fortiori wd it apply to a Mercantile House. I think it would be impracticable to require the assay Dept. to make such a fine assay of any single bar, as would enable us to determine whether such bar was fit for coinage directly without previous refining; for each such bar might consume a whole day, & sometimes even two days, in testing the quality and quantity of embrittling of embrittling metals. In the present heavy silver business such dallying over single bars seems to me unwarrantable.

"Would it not be by far the best, & the only practicable, course, to give notice to Mess. Hanay & Cronise, & other sellers of silver that we shall be obliged to reject all silver bullion below 998, or if we receive it, we shall at once refine it by acid & charge them

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

January 23^d 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to in-
form you that Miss Christiana Schmitz,
an Adjuster in this Department, died yester-
day afternoon. The death of

Miss Schmitz was so unexpected that it has
fallen upon the Institution like a cloud. She
was in her place on Monday, and although not
very well, no one supposed her dangerously ill.

She was a most excellent young lady -
conscientious in the discharge of all her duties,
and faithful in all her undertakings.

The Mint has lost a valued employee -

Very Respectfully
Wm. L. L.

Ol. B. Byrdell

O. C. Bosbyshell

Coiner

Jan 23/79

Announcing the
death of Miss
Christiana Schmitz, an
Adjuvant, on the 22nd
inst.

Recd Jan 23/79

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, January 22, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent &c &c

Sir

I agree with the Melters and Refiner, that in the present heavy silver coinage, we should not be detained by bars that require previous toughening or refining.

It is also plain that the sellers of bullion cannot afford to be taxed $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce, for acid refining; and a melting charge besides. This would doubtless more than absorb their profits. Nor do I feel at liberty to set ~~down~~ that rate, under the present tariff of charges. We are only allowed to charge that, when we return fine bars.

I therefore suggest, that the dealers be advised to send their bars, if below 996 fine, to the U. S. Assay office at New York, where they refine at a much less charge, by a bone-ash covering; or to some private refinery. The bars will then come to us, liable to no charge.

After all, it is not one bar in 200, or more, that gives us any trouble on this account.

In the case of the five bars under consideration,
as they average $993\frac{1}{2}$ fine, I would advise that
we take them at simply the melting charge of
 $\frac{1}{10}$ cent per ounce.

Very respectfully

Wm E Deet Boer

Assayer

Wm E Deet Boer
Assayer

January 22/77

Superior Silver Bars
from Hong Kong & provide
New York.
Bars below 996
should be sent to the
N. Y. Assay Office, then
charge an assay

/ Enclosure

Recd Jan 22/77

22410

UNITED STATES MINT.

ASSAY DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Jan 22 1879

For the M. & R.

INFORMAL MEMORANDUM OF SILVER DEPOSITS.

No.	U.S. APPROX. FINENESS	REMARKS
384	988½	985
5	995½	991.
6	994	987
7	993½	987
8	993½	986

Wm. J. W. Assayer.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, January 22nd, 1879.

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent &c &c

(Copy)

Sir

I agree with the Melter and Refiner, that in the present heavy Silver Coinage, we should not be detained by bars that require previous toughening or refining. It is also plain that the Sellers of bullion cannot afford to be taxed $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce, for acid refining; and a melting charge besides. This would doubtless more than absorb their profits. Nor do I feel at liberty to set that rate, under the present tariff of charges, we are only allowed to charge that, when we return fine bars. I therefore suggest, that the dealers be advised to send their bars, if below 996 fine, to the U. S. Assay office at New York where they refine at a much less charge. by a one-ask covering; or to some private refinery. The bars will then come to us, liable to no charge - After all it is not one bar in 200 or more, that gives us any trouble on this account,

In the case of the fine bars under consideration,
as they average 993 1/2 fine, I would advise that
we take them at simply the melting charge of
10 cent per ounce.

Very respectfully
(Signed) Wm E. DuBois
Assayer

Met of the United States
at Philadelphia
January 22, 1879

Wm E. Dubois
Assayer

(Copy)

With one present
heavy silver coinage, the
mint should not be hindered
by silver that requires pre-
vious toughening or refining.

Bars below 996 fine
should be sent to the
New York Assay Office
for refining.

1 Enclosure

Minut of the United States
at Philadelphia
January 22. 1879

Wm E. DuBois
Assayer

(Copy)

With one present
heavy silver coinage, the
mint should not be hindered
by silver that requires pre-
vious toughening or refining.

Bars below 996 fine
should be sent to the
New York Assay Office
for refining.

1 Enclosure

UNITED STATES MINT.

ASSAY DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Jan 22 1879

For the M. & R.

INFORMAL MEMORANDUM

OF

SILVER DEPOSITS.

No.	<i>U.S.</i> APPROX. FINENESS	REMARKS
<i>3841</i>	<i>988½</i>	<i>985</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>995½</i>	<i>991</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>994</i>	<i>987</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>993½</i>	<i>987</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>993½</i>	<i>986</i>

Wm. J. [Signature] Assayer.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Jan. 14, 1879.

Sir:

I beg leave to direct your attention to the crowded condition of our coin vaults, and to suggest that application be made to the proper authorities for relief by transfer of at least \$500,000 in Standard Silver Dollars.

Unless relieved soon coinage must inevitably cease, because we cannot store the coin with our present vault room.

Very Respectfully

~~Wm. H. Wood~~

W. H. Wood

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent

Mint of the United States,
PHILADELPHIA,

Jan'y 14, 1879.

~~JAMES POLLOCK,~~

~~Superintendent.~~

U. S. Cobb.

Cashier

Subject:

Reports the transfer
of \$500,000, in ~~Std~~
Silver dollars to the
U. S. Treasury, as
absolutely necessary
to relieve the
Mint vaults.

No. of Enclosures, _____

Rec'd Jan'y 14/79

on Handy & Brown's Silver of this day

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

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MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

Hon James Pollock

21 Jan^y, 1879.

of embrittling metals. In the present heavy silver business such dallying over single bars seems to me unwarrantable.

Would it not be by far the best, & the only practicable, course, to give notice to Messrs. Handy & Brown, & other sellers of Silver, that we shall be obliged to reject all silver bullion below 998, or, if we receive it, we shall at once refine it by acid, & charge them (or deduct from their account) the charge of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ pr. oz. for every ounce received of grade below 998. This seems to me to be the only practicable way of manufacturing rapidly & securing the Government from loss.

Respectfully yours

J A C Booth

M & R

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

January 21, 1879.

Jas. C. Booth
Melter and Refiner.

Report on informal silver
bars from Handy & Bonise,
New York; and suggesting
regulations to remedy the
evil.

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on hand of Brown's silver of this day.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

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MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

Hon. James Pollock

21. Jan, 1879.

assay, to about 930, & proved moreover to be of very inferior quality, giving rise to disagreeing & disagreeable correspondence.

Would it not be advisable, under these circumstances, to fall back on the Regulations about receiving Bullion from the N.Y. Assay Office, requiring it to be not less than 996 or ~~8~~ fine, because if lower, it may contain sufficient embrittling metal, to prevent its making coin, unless refined by acid. If such a Regulation was applicable ^{to} the Assay Office, N.Y., a fortiori w^d it apply to a Mercantile House.

I think it would be impracticable to require the Assay Dep^t to make such a fine assay of any single bar, as would enable us to determine whether such bar was fit for coinage directly, without previous refining; for each such ^{bar} might consume a whole day, & sometimes even two days, in testing the quality and quantity of embrittling

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MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

21. Jan^y, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent

Sir,

Upon information given me by the Receiving Clerk, I find that of the lot of silver bars, received this day from Messrs. Gandy & Cronise, N. Y., 5 bars assay, according to Invoice & Stamp, 985, 991, 987, 987, 986, for Nos 384 to 388, Phila titles.

We have just passed through the experience of bars of low grade, & I refer to my letter to you of 18th Inst. for the results in part, of using them without regular acid refining. I will add in relation to these last, that this Mint is yet to bear the cost of refining them, which may be 1¢ @ 1½¢ ^{per oz.} without remedy, if the purchase money has been paid. You will also recollect that one bar of alleged assay, about 990, went down under our assay

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Jan. 2, 1879

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent

At your
request I witnessed the destruction of
the Coinage Dies of 1878 as follows

		Ob.	Rev.	
Gold	Double Eagle	26	32	58
	Eagle	4	3	7
	Half Eagle	5	4	9
	Three Dollar	2	3	5
	Quarter Eagle	6	7	13
	<u>One Dollar</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
				94
Silver	Standard Dollar	123	129	252
	Half Dollar	20	17	37
	Quarter Dollar	35	37	72
	<u>Dime</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>30</u>
				391
Nickel	Three cent	1		1
Bronze	<u>One cent</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>75</u>
				76
			Total	561

Dies unused returned to Coiner

Gold	Eagle	Rev.	1
Silver	Dime		14
Nickel	5 cent		5
"	3 cent		3
Bronze	1 cent	<u>2</u>	<u>25</u>

Countersigned by
W E Du Bois
assayer

Wm. H. Key

Wm. J. DuBois &
W. H. Key

Jan'y 2/79

Certifying the
Number of dies 7
1878, destroyed.

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Total number of Dies received 586

Number of Reverses returned 25

Total number destroyed 561

The 561 dies actually used up in the coinage of 1878. were as follows:

	Obverse	Reverse	Total	Grand Total
Gold. D ^e Eagle	26	32	58	
Eagle	4	3	7	
1/2 Eagle	5	4	9	
1/4 Eagle	6	7	13	
Three Dollar	2	3	5	
One Dollar	1	1	2	
Total	44	50		94
Silver. Dollar	123	129	252	
1/2 Dollar	20	17	37	
1/4 Dollar	35	37	72	
Dime	10	11	20	
Total	197	194		391
Minor. Three Cent	1	—	1	
One Cent	32	43	75	76
Total	33	43		561

Very Respectfully

Yours os. L. Servant

W. L. Parbyshell.
Coiner

2009

O. L. Boobyshok
Came
Jan'y 3/79

Reports the number
of dies used in 1878,
and the number de-
-faced & destroyed.

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Recapitulation	Gold	Silver	Minor	Total
Obverse	44	197	33	274
Reverse	51	208	53	312
Total	95	405	86	586

This number agrees with the number reported by the Engraver, as delivered to the Coiner, during the Year 1878.

All of these dies were destroyed by the use of the forge and Sledge ^{in the presence of the Superintendent and the Assayer,} in accordance with the provisions of Section 3550 Revised Statutes, with the exception of the following Reverse dies, which were redelivered to the Coiner, for use during 1879, to-wit:-

Eagle	1.
Dime	14.
Five Cent Nickel	5.
Three Cent Nickel	3.
One Cent Bronze	2.
Total	25.

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

January 3rd 1879.Hon James Pollock
Superintendent
Sir.I have the honor to report that
the following Dies were used in the Coinage of 1878, to-wit

Gold	D ^e Eagle	Eagle	1/2 Eagle	3 Dollars	1/4 Eagle	one Dollar	Total.
Obverse	26	4	5	2	6	1	44
Reverse	32	4	4	3	7	1	51
Total	58	8	9	5	13	2	95
Silver	Dollars	1/2 Dollar	1/4 Dollar	Dimes	~	~	~
Obverse	123	20	35	19	~	~	197
Reverse	129	17	37	26	~	~	208
Total	252	37	72	44			405
			Minor	Five cent Nickel	Three cent Nickel	One cent Bronze	Total
			Obverse	~	1	32	33
			Reverse	5	3	45	53
			Total	5	4	77	86

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, Feb 10, 1879.

Hon: James Pollock

Dear Sir,

Please inform Mr. Wm. J. Merriman, that his "bag of ore" was assayed here, and found to contain nothing of any value. The few grains of gold in the quill, are not sufficient to pay the expense, but in this case we will make no further charge.

I am quite sure I reported this before, but it has not been received by Mr Merriman.

Respy yours

Wm E DuBois
Assayer

Mint of the U.S.
at
Philadelphia

Wm E. DuRoi's
Assayer.

Feb'y 10. 1879

Relative to
"bag of ore" sent
to the Mint for
assay by Wm E.
Merriman, Mor-
gantown, Ind.

Rec'd Feb'y 10. 1879

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

February 1st 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to inform
you that Miss Mattie M. Asbury has re-
signed, as Adjuster in this department, to
take effect immediately.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

O. B. Boshshell

Clerk.

O. C. Postbyshell
 Maine
 Feb. 1/79

Notice of the design
 Am. of Miss Hatticelle
 Asbury, an Adjutant

Recd Feb 1/79

Phila January 29th 1879

Hon Jas Pollock

Supt U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

You will please
accept this as my resignation
as Laborer at the United States
Mint to take effect Jan'y 31st 1879

Respect yours

Park H. Jencks

January 29th 1879

Park H. Jeames.

Resignation as
Laborer to take effect
January 31st 1879.

January 29/79 Accepted
J. P. Sepl.

Re January 29 1879.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

29th January, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock.

Superintendent.

Sir,

You will please observe by the accompanying Reports that the melting was successful during December, the actual wastage of Gold having been about three-fourths of the legal allowance, and of Silver about one-half or a little more, altho' monthly grains, assay slips, and sweep are necessarily omitted from the account, which will reduce the ratio still further

Of the 423 Gold and Silver Melts not a single one was condemned.

Respectfully yours

J. H. Booth

M. & R.

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

29 January, 1879.

Jas. C. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

Gold and Silver
melting for December
1878, very satisfactory.
Of the whole 423
Gold & Silver melts
not in Cuddehumel.

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AT PHILADELPHIA.

February 15 1879.

Wm. Amos Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir,

In forwarding to you the official notification of the resignation of Miss W. M. Arbury, I respectfully desire to urge upon ^{you} the approval of my recommendation for the appointment of Miss Louisa Schmitz as an Adjuster. Apart from the great help this appointment would be to the family of Miss Schmitz, is the fact that we need all the force we can get in our Adjusting Room to carry on the work of the Department.

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully Yours

O. C. Barclay

Coiner.

O. C. Bosbyshell
 Carina
 Feb. 1/79

Urging app't of Miss
 Lovina Schmitt - the
 resignation of Miss Astor
 making an additional
 vacancy, & more appor-
 -tioning needed.

Rec'd Feb 1/79

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

January 31st. 1879.Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose two (2) copies of Report of coinage for the month of January 1879.

The amount of Dollars coined falls somewhat short of the amount I had hoped we should make - This is owing to two reasons - the first and main one of which was the defective silver used in manufacturing ingots, causing much loss of time, and the other reason was the pressure for bronze coin -

Very Respectfully

Yr Obl. Servant

O. C. Borbyshell
Coiner.

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O.C. Bosbyshell
Clerk
Jan'y 31/79

Transmitting 2 copies of
Statement of coinage for
January 1879.
Bad quality of
silvers lessened the
amount of coinage.

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ascertain if the amount as stated
is correct.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant.

C. B. Postyschel,

Coiner

p. S.

O. C. Pasbyshell
 Leonia Jan 29
 Jan'y 29/79

Counting Bonds
 for the N. O. about to hold
 500 \$10 Silver Dollars
 would be so large and
 unwieldy - that there
 must be some mis-
 take about it. Would
 be well to inquire.

Rec'd Jan'y 29/79

Mint of the United States
AT PHILADELPHIA.January 29th 1879.Hon James Peacock
Superintendent
Sir:

In response to the request of the Hon H. S. Foote, Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans, and endorsed by the Acting Director of the Mint, relative to the manufacture of Two (2) Counting boards, and table, of the capacity of Five Hundred (500) Standard Dollars, I have the honor to state, that, upon examination, we find that a board of the required size, for the amount named, would be so large and unwieldy, as to be almost impracticable to handle, and consequently think that there is some mistake as to the amount stated.

I would therefore, respectfully suggest, that You communicate with Superintendent Foote, and

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, January 27th, 1879.

(Copy)

Hon James P. Pollock
Superintendent &c &c
Sir

A lot of pretended lumps of gold was brought here by Adams Express today, stated on the envelope to be "From Geo. M. Weston, 'National Hotel', Washington D.C. value \$180".

On trial of two of the pieces by acids & by cupellation, I find that one shows about 15 parts in a thousand; and the other one part in a thousand, of gold. That is, they are merely gilt, but in different degrees. Every piece in the lot shows the same condition. The real metal is a mixture of copper, tin & zinc; of course, not fit to be received, nor of any appreciable value

(Signed)

Very respy
Wm. E. Dubois

assayer

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, January 27, 1879.

Hon: James Pollock

Superintendent U. S.

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Very resp'y

Wm E DuBois
assayer

Wm E. Du Bois

Assayer

January 27/79

Report, that a lot
of pretended lumps &
nuggets of gold ~~had~~
~~passed~~ "from Geo. M.
Wetmore, National Hotel,
Washington D.C., value
\$180. 4 are only filled
and of no value,
the real metal being
only a mixture of copper,
tin, & zinc.

Recd 27 Jan'y /79

~~an aqua fortis~~

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

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MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

Hon. James Pollock

23 Jan., 1879.

proportionate increase in price, say from $4\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ to $5\frac{5}{8}$ ¢, for the increase in strength from 36° to 40° — Mr W. Summers reports, from direct trial, that the 40° acid is so remarkably quick in its action, that it consumes just one half the amount of acid in cleaning a given quantity. The gain in the use of the 40° acid would therefore be expressed as follows

2 barboys aq. fort. of 36° B. = 240 lbs @ $4\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ = \$ 11.40

1 barboy aq. fort. of 40° B. = 120 lbs @ $5\frac{5}{8}$ ¢ = 6.75

Gain in the use of 40° B. aq. fort. \$ 4.65

Respectfully yours

La C Booth

M. & R.

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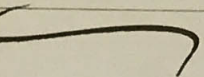
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

23 Jan'y, 1879.

J. H. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

Suggest a plan by
which a needed supply
of aqua fortis of 40°
B. can be procured
without disturbing
existing contracts.

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United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT.

23. Jan^y, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent.

Dear Sir,

Altho' the Aqua fortis of 36° B., which we have received from Crease, proves to be about equal to what we have been using from Savage & Co. yet the superior economy of the same kind of acid @ 40° B. induces me to suggest a course by which we can get the last acid, satisfactorily to all parties. The superiority of Harrison's 40° Aq. fort. in cleaning Bronze induced us to examine it still further, & we have found that it not only cleans more perfectly, but that it consumes just about one half the amount of acid to produce the most perfect cleaning we have ever tried. I think that as Crease & Harrison put in the same bid for 36° Aq. fort. we might get them to agree to divide the required supply @ 40° B. at a price of $5\frac{5}{8}$ ¢ pr. lb., which is the

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AT PHILADELPHIA.

January 23rd 1879.

Mr. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to recommend, and nominate Miss Lorena Schmitz as an Adjuster, in this Department, at \$1⁷⁵ per diem, vice her sister, Miss Christiana Schmitz, dead.

This appointment to take effect
February 1st 1879.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

O. C. Bobbshell

Coiner

O. C. Bostyshell
 Coiner
 Jan'y 23/75

Nominating
 Miss Lovena Schmitz,
 as an Adj. Gen., at
 \$1.75 per diem, from
 February 1, 1875, vice
 Miss Christiana Schmitz
 deceased.

Recd Jan'y 23/75

O. C. Baskysell
 Coima
 Jan'y 23/79

Giving the special
 and urgent reasons
 for nominating Miss
 Lavinia Schmitz, as
 an Adjutant in place
 of her sister Miss Chris-
 -tiana Schmitz, deceased.

Recd Jan'y 23/79

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, January 27, 1879.

Hon: James Pollock
Superintendent &
Sir

There is no objection whatever to taking silver bars containing gold, because they have to be parted (not refined) at a charge of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce. We are doing this daily, for all parties.

But when the silver bars do not contain gold, and simply have to be refined or toughened, it is a question whether they can be charged that much, under our Rules. If we are to return fine bars to the party, we may do so; but otherwise, we are allowed to charge only $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 cent, for toughening. I believe the New York Office charges $\frac{1}{4}$ cent, as it refines or toughens by bone-ash covering; which is also done here, & ought to cost no more.

Very respectfully
W E DuBois
Assayer

Mr. S. DuBois, 9
Assays
Jan'y 27/79

In reference to
the proper charges
for refining & tonguing
silver sold to the
Govt.

Rec'd Jan'y 27/79

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

February 3rd 1879.

Wm. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

In compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint, through you, I have the honor to transmit herewith three (3) Metric Double Eagles, in three (3) separate envelopes, marked as follows: "No. 1 - Acid finish", "No. 2 Acid and Alkaline finish", and "No. 3 Alkaline finish."

These were prepared in accordance with the directions contained in the letter of Dr. Wm. Wheeler Hubbard to Wm. H. Linderman Director of the Mint, of January 20th 1879, a copy of which I received, I have the honor also to

enclose a bill for the same, amounting
to Sixty dollars (\$60.) in gold.

Very Respectfully

Your Obl. Servant

Q. C. Barbysheell

Co. Genl.

O.C. Barbys shell
Cotina

Feb 3/79

Transmitting

3 gold medal

Double Eagle, noted
and distinguished as
-ending to Dr Hubbell's
directions.

Also enclosing
bill for the same,
\$60. —

Recd Feb 3/79

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Philadelphia Febr. 6th, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Superintendent U. S. Mint.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following communications to you in behalf of a set of weights, used by the Melter and Refiner and consisting of the following denominations: " one 10 Oz., one 5 Oz., one 4 Oz., one 3 Oz., one 2 Oz., one 1 Oz.

The same are in such a condition as to make any proper adjustment of them impossible and I would therefore respectfully recommend, that said weights be not used any further.

Very Respectfully
A. Westermarck.

Adjuster of Scales and Weights.

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R. Westmaier
Adj. in Charge, Weights
U. S. Mint - Phila
Feb 6. /79

Recommends that
a certain set of
weights in the U. S.
M. Dept be no longer
used, their condition
being such that they
cannot be adjusted

Recd Feb 7/79

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

February 25th 1879.Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to report, that in obedience to the instructions you gave me this morning, the Pattern Dies enumerated in the list below, were this day destroyed by the use of the forge and sledge, in the presence of parties representing yourself, the Assayer and myself, to wit:-

Two (2) Obverses. Barber Dollar of 1848.

Three (3) Reverses. " " " "

One (1) Obverse, Goloid " " "

One (1) Reverse, " " " " Letters + circle of stars.

One (1) Reverse, " " " " Words + wreath.

One (1) Reverse, " Metric Dollar of 1848.

One (1) Obverse Metric Double Eagle of 1879

One (1) Reverse " " " " "

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

O. C. Borbyshell

Courier.

A.C. Basbyshell
 Cairn
 Feb 25/79

Reports destruction
 of Pattern Bir for the
 "Barber" & "goldoid"
 dollar; and the
 "goldoid" double
 Eagle.

Recd Feb 25/79

Philada Feb 25th 1879

Hon James Pollock.

Supt U.S. Mint Philada,

I would respectfully report in
obedience to your order.

Albert Downey, Jacob Eckfeldt,
and myself, were present and
saw the following dies destroyed,
this day in the Mint.

O. S.	Barber	Dol	2.
R. B.	"	"	3.
O. S.	Gould	"	1.
R. B.	"	"	2.
R. B.	"	" Metric	1.
O. S.	"	D. E. "	1.
R. B.	"	" " "	1.
			11.

Very Respectfully.
A. W. Straub.

Post Office.
Philadelphia.

Philada^a Feby 28th 1879

Sir:-

I will be ready to
enter upon the duties of
the office of Superintendent
of the Mint on Monday
next.

I remain

Very Respectfully Yours.

London Norriss

Hon James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philada

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A. Loudon Snowden.
Philadelphia
Pa.

Feb'y 28. 1879.

Notifying Suph
that he will be
ready to enter
upon the duties of
Suph of the Milk
Monday next.

Rec'd Feb'y 28. 1879

Mr James Pollock

Sup, Mint of U. S. Phila

Dear Sir

Your very polite reply to my inquiries was received on the 27th and it was quite satisfactory; but I neglected to enquire also, as to how soon after the reception of my Mexican dollars you could be able to forward me their value. This I desire to ascertain in order to lay my plans definitely. I enclose stamp requesting that you will be so kind as to answer this inquiry at an early day.

Respectfully

Jan, 1st 1879

Matthie E. R. Russell

Farmington

Marshall Co,

Tennessee

Mattie E. N. Russell
Farmington, Tenn.
Jan'y 1/79

Inquirer how soon
Returns would be
made for Mexican
dollars.

Rec'd Jan'y 4/79

J. M. BOALT,
Postmaster.

Post Office,

SANDUSKY, O.,

Jan 2^d 1879

Dr

By mail to day I sent, Registered, a small
bag of punched 3¢ pieces, amt. \$10.86, for which
please send me the proceeds in currency or
check, Oblige,

Very Respectfully

Joel M. Boalt,
P.M.

Capt. of United States Mint,
Philadelphia
Pa.

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Mr. M. Boalt P.M.
Sandusky, O.
Jan'y 2/79

Sending by Regis-
tered Mail \$10⁰⁰
in punched 3 of
Silver pieces, and
requests the proceeds
to be returned to
Cunningham by check.

Recd Jan'y 9. 1879

Brandon, Vermont,
Jan. 2, 1879.

My dear Sir: —

Yours has come safe to hand, and I can account for my curious misapprehension of the plain statement of the Paragraph, now made so apparent by your letter, only in this way — First the haste in which I read it, and 2^{dly}, having received the wrong impression I was led to believe it correct from an undefined & vague idea that the Coining of the gold dollar might have been discontinued (though I remembered no such act) and the rarity of the piece had given the increased value — I now see the error. With thanks for Circular, I am,
With high regard, Very truly Yours, W. S. Tilly

Rev W. J. Tilley
Brandon Vt
Jan 2/79

Explains his former
letter about Exchange
- 18 / gold dollar for
1 N. E.

Recd Jan 6/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 2, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S. Philadelphia

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 31st ultimo transmitting certificate of the annual inspection and regulation of the Troy weights in ordinary use at your Mint.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

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A. D. W.
R. S. Benton
Jan 2/79

Recd Certificate of
the annual inspection
of weights.

Recd Jan 3/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 2, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U.S. Philadelphia

Sir:

We have this day purchased for delivery at your mint the following amounts of fine silver which you will please receive and pay for as respectively indicated, viz:

- ✓ 150,000 ounces from Handy & Cronise @ 108.95 c.
- ✓ 40,000 " " Caldwell & Co " 108.97 "
- ✓ 30,000 " " J. B. Colgate & Co. " 108.97 "
- ✓ 10,000 " " Moller & Davenport " 108.96 "
- ✓ 10,000 " " J. & W. Seligman & Co. " 108.97 "

You are authorized to pay such approximate value, pending melt and assay, as you may deem safe and

proper. Payment to be made in Stand-
ard Silver dollars by draft on New-
York.

Very respectfully

R. C. Poston

Acting Director

A. D. C.
R. S. Keston
Jan^y 2/79

Announcing the purchase
of 240,000 ozs
fine silver from Handy
& Cronin, & others
@ 108.95 @ 108.97 per
oz.

Rec^d Jan^y 2/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *January 2^d, 1879.*

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.
Sir:

In looking over our bids received for the purchase of Silver I find that on the 11th ultimo Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co. of New York offered 50,000 ozs at 110⁰⁰/₁₀₀ cents, and in my letter notifying you of the purchase of Silver made on that day for delivery at your mint, the amount purchased of that firm was 100,000 ozs. whereas it should have been only 50,000 ozs.

I regret very much, this error, and will take pains to see that it does not

occur in future.

The difficulty is that we are compelled to wait until 3 o'clock, to give bids from the last time to arrive, and are hurried very much to get them scheduled, acted upon, by the Commission and approved by the Secty. before 4 o'clock P.M. and telegrams sent the several parties advising them of the action of the Department.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

A.D.W.

R. E. Weston
Jan 2/79

Correcting an error
in the reported amt
of silver purchased
from J. B. Colgate & Co
Dec. 11/78

Recd Jan 3/79

PARKER HANDY.



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan'y End 1879

Hon^{ble} James PollockSupt Mint Phil^a Pa

Sir /

We send you this day by

Express

9 Bags "U.S. Fin^{ce}" S. 14098⁷⁵ or as clothingSale of 170⁰⁰ or

and

9 Bags "Mott" 14.125⁶⁵ or as a setSale of 100⁰⁰

Very Respy

Handy & Cronise

Mem of each bag of "U.S. Fin^{ce}" }
 & 9 Bags "Mott" }

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Handy & Sonise
New York
Jan'y 2/79

Sends 4 Express
14,098.⁷⁵ on Silver
in full of sales 170 mos.
Also 14,125.⁶⁵ on
in full of sales 100 mos

Rec Jan'y 3/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Jan'y 3rd, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philad.^a Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that
\$75,000—being the profit arising from
coinage of standard silver dollars—be de-
posited in the U. S. Treasury in your
name, and that your Bullion Fund be
increased by a transfer of this amount.

Very Respectfully,

R. C. Proctor

Acting Director

A.D. 10.

R.R. Kenton

Jan 3/79

Have requy, that that
 \$75,000. It's silver dollar
 profits be deposited in
 the U. S. Treasury, &
 the T.B. F. of the United
 be increased by the
 same amount

Rec Jan 4/79

THOMPSON & DOYLE,

Dealers in Dry Goods,

GROCERIES, BOOTS AND SHOES.

MEMORANDUM.

To Minter
Philadelphia Pa
In reply to yours
of Barrow, Ill., Jan 3 1878

Sir: I have what was \$41.00 in gold that was in a house that burned last week, one \$20-piece two \$10- and one \$1 they are defaced and run together, so that it will have to be minted again, please let me know if it can be minted and let me know what it will cost to mint it.

Yours Resp
W Thompson

W. A. Thompson
Barrow, Me.
Jan'y 3/79

Enquiries of \$44.
burnt gold coin can
be recoined.

Recd Jan'y 6/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

January 2^d, 1878.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter bearing
date January 2^d inst. enclosing a synopsis
of the Engineers Log for the month of December
ultimo, together with statements of minor coinage
operations during December 1878.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director

Hon James Pallock

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia Pa.

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A.D.M.
R. E. Preston
Jan'y 3/79

Rec'd Synopsis of
Engineer's Log,
and minor coinage
operations, for December
1878

Rec'd Jan'y 4/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 3, 1879.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, — payable from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879	1,000. —
Wages of Workmen	"	23,000. —
Contingent Expenses	"	1,000. —

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston
Acting Director.

James Pollock, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Phila.

A. D. W.
R. S. Weston
Jan 3/79

Approving requisition
for funds \$25,000.
for January 1879.

Recd Jan 4/79

Sup^{dt} U. S. Mint
Phil^a Pa.

Dr. Sir. I am very
anxious to procure a
specimen of the Habbells
"Goloid" dollar. Will you
be kind enough to sell
me one, or if it is not
your pleasure to do this
please inform me where
one can be gotten.

And very greatly oblige
Yrs. Very Resp^{ly}.

W. T. Watson

Charlottesville Va
Jan 3^d / 79

2112
W. D. Watson
Charlottesville, Va,
Jan'y 3/79

Wants a "gold
dollar.

Recd Jan'y 6/79

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ALBERT B. CHANDLER,
Sec'y and Treas'r.

NUMBER.

SENT BY

TIME.

RECEIVED BY

CHECK.

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15/15

Dated,

New York 3

Rec'd at

To

Jas Pollock

Jan 3

1879

Superintendent

5 Bid is to be sent the other

10 Mr. Conger to hand and

15 Is it you make it remittance

20 please answer

25 Webster add address

30

2098.

Mollen & Danforth
New York
Jan'y 3/79

Telegram

Rec'd Silver Dec 30,
arrived, and may
remittance sent?

Rec'd Jan'y 3/79

Disput

Dec. 9 04

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NUMBER

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Form 10.

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THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan 3 1879

Mr James Pollack
Supt Natl Mut & Pa

N.Y.

We return, herewith, signed
receipt for enclosure #7109, 19,544⁰⁰ - \$ D^o
of Jan 2nd inst

and send you this day
by Express

19 Dqs U.S. Assay

19,958⁵⁰ 02⁰⁰

"Baltach" has now
in his hands 100,000⁰⁰ - on an apt note you.
besides the larger amt in hands of "Matt"
here, and we are much annoyed that they
do not turn it out faster -

Very truly
Handy & Cronise

Hanz & Conis
 Jan 3
 New York
 Jan 3/79

Red check for \$17,544⁰⁰
 and sent by express
 19,238⁰⁰ on fine silver

Rec Jan 4/79

Fairview P.O.,
Todd Co. Ky.

Jan'y. 3 - 1879

Sup. U.S. Mint
Phila.

Sir, Please have the
kindness to inform me
what Mexican Silver dollars
are worth at your Mint
as bullion. if I were to
send you 100 or 1000 of
them, how much would
they be worth - say 100 of
them, if you pay for them
in Greenbacks, or check.

By answering the above
you will greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully

J. I. Smith
over

Recd from J. 1879

If you exchange Standard Silver
dollars for them, what would
be the difference? & what would
it likely cost me to Express
them to you, & you Express the
new ones to me in return?

Yours &c
J. T. S.

Wants information
from about Mex-
ico and oceans

J. T. Smith
Harrison, N. Y.
Jan. 3. 1879
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P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan'y 4 1879

Wm. James Pollock
Supt. Int. Phila. Pa.
Miss

In answer to your friend's
we beg to express regrets that we should
have given you trouble, in our sending photo
for dist^t a/c^t in same manner without
separate advice, and can only say
"we will not do so any more" but try and
conform to the rules printed out in your
recent letters - which certainly do not lack
in explicitness - and are now, we trust, very
decidedly impressed upon our minds.

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

Handy & Conise
New York
Aug 4/79

Will be more
careful & accurate
in future shipments
invoices & silos.

Recd Aug 6/79

Julius Molter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Molter & Davenport.

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in

STOCKS, BONDS & C.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street.

New York, ^{evening} 4th 1879

Hon James P. McK
Supt
Philad a

Dear Sir I acknowledge & enclose
of your Telegram of 3rd inst -
also of your Remoe in full
for \$1000 Bullion of \$11.109. "
with thanks & enclose
Receipt in Duplicate.

Yours very respectfully

Wm A Davenport

Walter Davenport
New York
January 4/79

Rec'd telegram,
& check for \$11,109⁰⁰
p Silver

Rec'd Jan'y 5/79

Defiance Ohio January 3^d 1879

Sir

Being desirous of forming a collection of U S coins; in order to facilitate the collection, I respectfully request you as a favor to inform me when the different kinds and denominations commenced and what years suspended and any information you will give will be received as a favor.

Respectfully yours
Jos Ralston

Jos Ralston
Defiance, O.
January 3/79

Engravers when
the coinage of the
different U.S. Coins
was commenced
and ended

Recd Jan 6/79

Frammingham Jan 5th 1879.

No Superintendent.

Dear Sir.

Being desirous of obtaining
a fifty cent silver piece,
of 1852. I write to you
as I have been advised.

I wish it for a person
born in that year.

Please send two instead
of one. and oblige

Resp Yours

Thomas S. Perry
Frammingham
Mass.

P. O. box 26.

Mos R Perry
Framingham
Mass.
Jan'y 5/79

Forwarding \$1.60
2 Half dollars &
1852.

[\$1.60 remittance
returned by mail
Jan'y 10/79. See
L. 43]

Rec'd Jan'y 10/79

Boston & Albany Railroad Company.

H. C. BIXBY,
Receiving Clerk.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Jan 6 1879.

Dear Sir

Do all Gold & Silver
coins weigh exactly up to the
"standard weight"? If not, what
is the allowance for deviation within
which a coin would still be
worth its face value?

If you could trouble yourself
so much as to answer the
above it would much oblige

I am respectfully
Yours,
H. C. Bixby.

H. C. Bixby
Springfield, Mass.
January 6/79

Wants circular of
Standard weight and
least current weight
of U. S. gold and
silver coins.

Recd Jan'y 7/79



J. AMBERG,

Song

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps,

LADIES' AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,

Groceries, Hardware, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Etc.

ESTABLISHED 1843.

Hickman, Ky., Jan 6th 1879

Wm. L. Mulada
Leas.

What will you pay for Mexican dollars per piece you pay the expressage to your City, or what will you pay for them. if we prepay Express on them. Your early reply will oblige.

Yours &
J. Amberg's Song

2109
J. Amberg & Son
Nickman
Ky

Jan 6. 1879

Want information
about Mex-
ican dollars.

Recd Jan 6. 1879

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 6, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th instant, transmitting statement of the number of dies used during the calendar year 1878 and of the destruction of the same.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

2116

A.D.W.
R. S. Perkins
Jan 6/79

Rec Statement
of the number of dies
used during the calendar
year 1878, and
the number destroyed.

Rec Jan 7/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan 6th 1879

Wm. James Pollock
Supt. Mt. Phila Pa
N.Y.

We have your ^{14th inst} enclosing
Ch 7113 for 49899 ⁰⁴ 1/2^d Dls and return
herewith the acct signed.

We find this
day by Express an acct of Lds for returns
as usual to Bk N.Y.
to wit

1 Bag N.Y. Assay
19 Bars "Malt"

1336.55
19 292.55

40.60890 02.

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

Handy & Son
New York
Jan'y 6/79

Recd check for
\$47, 899 ⁰⁴/₁₀₀ for
silver sold.
Sent by Express
20,608 ⁷²/₁₀₀ silver.

Recd Jan'y 7/79

Banking House of Gilman, Son & Co.,

62 CEDAR STREET,

Address, Box 172,

NEW YORK,

Jan 7th

1879.

Sir: Could you procure or send me a
"Gold Dollar"? If so what would
be the price?

Your Obedt Servt
Jas V Brown
(as above)

To
Hon James Pollock
Supt U. S. - Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

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Jas. N. Brown
New York
July 7/79

Wants "solid"
dollar

Recd July 9/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 7, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th instant, transmitting Report of Assay Coins received and Deliveries made for the quarter ended December 31, 1878.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. W.
 R. R. Peckham
 Jan 7/79

Rec'd Statement of
 Coins delivered, and
 assay coins reserved
 for the quarter ending
 Dec. 31, 1879.

Rec'd Jan 8/79.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 7, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint of Philadelphia

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be transmitted to this Office your usual monthly statements of "Deposits and purchases", "Gold and silver of domestic production" and "bars manufactured" for the months of October, November and December, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

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6/8/87

A. D. C.
R. E. Preston
Jan'y 7/79

Calling for Statements
of deposits and purchases
and gold and silver
of domestic productions
for the months of
Oct. Nov. & Dec.
1878

Monthly Statement
of Statement of deposits of domestic
gold and silver

Recd Jan'y 8/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y 7th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst.
transmitting Statement of Silver pur-
-chased at your mint for the week
ended January 1st 1879, has been re-
-ceived.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

A.D.W.
R. E. Benton
Jan'y 7/79

Rec'd Statement
of Silver purchased
for the week ending
January 4/79

Rec'd Jan'y 8/79

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, January 7, 1879.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 6th. instant. I beg to say that Transfer Letter No. 6205, January 31st. 1879, for shipment of \$996.⁹⁶ in Standard Silver Dollars to Importers and Traders National Bank, New York is correct, and said Bank will be advised this day from this office for whose account the shipment was made.

Very respectfully,
Jas. G. Freeman
Treasurer, U. S.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia,
Pa.

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Receiv'd U. S.
(Gillman)
January 7/79

Transf'd Letter No.
625, for \$996 ⁹⁰ Sta.
Silver dollars, to the printer &
Treasurer Nat Bank New
York, is correct - The
Bank will be notified
for above amt.

Re Jan 8/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 7, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supr. Mint U. S. Philadelphia

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter relative to an estimate of the approximate cost of coining gold and silver for a foreign government and will thank you to furnish me with the information requisite to reply thereto.

The estimate should be based upon the gold and silver being furnished in the form of fine bars.

Very respectfully

R. A. Preston
Acting Director

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A. D. W.

R. V. Preston
Jan'y 7/79

Requesting Estimate
of Approximate Cost
of Coining gold and
Silver for foreign
governments, to answer
enclosed letter
from Henry A. Blythe,
New York

Recd Jan'y 8/79

New York Jan 1st 1879

J. B. Halstead, Esq
N. Y. Nat^l Exch^g Bank

(copy)

Dear Sir;

Will you kindly favor me by ascer-
taining what would be the approximate cost of
Coining in the U. S. Mint for a foreign government
Silver and Gold pieces, corresponding more or less
in size and value to the U. S. dollar - half doll
five, ten and twenty dollar pieces; - Say for;

750.000	pieces - dollar	} <u>Silver</u>
500.000	" " 1/2 " "	
100.000	pieces 5 dollar	} <u>Gold</u>
100.000	" " 10 " "	
25.000	" " 20 " "	

Also the cost if double the foregoing number of pieces
were Contracted for at a time; also if half the

amount mentioned were contracted for at a time.
All the original dies required for this coinage
to be furnished by the government for whom the
coins are to be made —

Yours Very truly
(Signed) Henry. A. Blythe

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

15th January, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent
Sir,

In reply to the letter of the
Acting Director of the Mint, of the 7th Inst., in relation to the cost
of coining specific amounts of Gold and Silver from Fine bars
of the same, I beg to say that to make a thoroughly practical
estimate, I have examined into and noted the amounts of Gold
and Silver delivered by me to the Coiner from 1st July to 31st
Dec. 1878, the amount of coin made by them, and all the costs
of preparing the metal, embracing materials purchased, wages
and salaries, as well as possible loss of Bullion or Wastage,
incidental to such work. From these positive data it ap-
pears that the cost of preparing from Fine bars so much metal
as would ^{give} the total amount specified in the letter of Acting
Director of 7th Inst. would be \$9545 = with the possible addi-
tion for wastage of \$1740 =, or a total of \$11,285 =

Respectfully yours

James C Booth M & R

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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.....
Melter and Refiner.

No. of Enclosures,

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

15th January, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent

Sir,

(I beg to add) to my estimate of the cost of coining certain amounts of gold & silver (that two-fold or threefold the amounts named by the Acting Director, would not cost quite twice or thrice the sum I have named, but rather less.)

Respectfully yours

J. H. Booth

m & R

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Aug 15, 187*7*.

Report on Cost of Copper
Melter and Refiner.

for Foreign Nations

No. of Enclosures,

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

January 15th 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a letter of Acting Director R. E. Preston of 7th inst, with copy of a letter from Henry A. Blyth of 1st inst, enclosed, relative to the approximate cost of coining gold and silver for a foreign government - the pieces to correspond more or less, in size and value, to the U. S. dollar - half dollar - five, ten and twenty dollar pieces, in the proportion, of say

750,000	pieces - dollar	} Silver
500,000	" 1/2 "	
100,000	" 5 dollar	} Gold.
100,000	" 10 "	
100,000	" 20 "	

J

I have carefully estimated the cost of this work, from the time of the reception of the bullion in the shape of ingots, to its return in coined pieces and clippings, and find that the cost of the operations of this department, for coin of the various denominations named, and in the proportions required, would be one-third ($\frac{1}{3}^d$) of one (1) per cent, of the amount manufactured.

In other words to coin three millions dollars (\$3,000,000), the amount of the coins named, would cost this department ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

To this cost must be added the wastage allowed by law, to the Coiner, in the manipulation of bullion whilst in his custody, ^{which is usually very trifling.}

The same estimate will hold good for double the quantity named, or half of it.

I am Sir, Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Ch. B. Byrdell Coiner.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, Jan'y 16, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c. &c.

Sir

On a careful consideration
of the inquiry in regard to the expenses here,
of coining a given amount for a foreign government,
I submit the following estimate:

Amount of coin to be made, two millions of
dollars in gold, & one & a quarter millions in silver.

Taking into account our present wages, the
cost of fuel and acids, the use of apparatus
& incidentals, the cost of assaying should be
about eleven hundred dollars. \$1100. —

And for double the coinage, or half the coinage,
in the same proportion.

Very respectfully
Wm E DuBois
assayer.

Rept. 1872

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, January 6th 1879

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent. Sir.

As directed by you
I submit the following estimate for dies to
be made for other Nations. the originals or Hubs
to be furnished by them.

Coins size of our Double Eagle.	\$ 10 each die
No Silver dollar -	\$ 10 do do
No Half dollar -	\$ 10 do do
No Quarter dollar	\$ 5 do do

I am Sir.
Very Respectfully Yours
Jm Barber
Enclosed

Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in
STOCKS, BONDS & C.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street.

New York, May 7th 1879

How
James Pollock
Supt U. S. M.
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have sold to Director
U. S. M. on 2nd inst, \$10000
Fine Silver @ 108.96, and have
forwarded to your Address, this
date, as per Receipt enclosed,
and Invoice accompanied with
Silver, 10 Bags containing

Rec'd June 8/79

6 Bags
Oz. 2533.63. Uf Assay Bar 7999 1/2
" 3455.10 " " " 999

4 Bag " 11.440. Mex silver Coin.

We would thank you very much, to make remittance on account, and remain

Dear Sir
Yours Very Respectfully

Wm. Chapman

Amount 10 bags
Silver in 1/2 assay
19,000 on 6 Dollars.
@ 1.08,96

Wm. Chapman
New York
Aug 7/79

2107



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan'y 9th 1879

Mr James Pollock
Supt Gen'l Phila Pa
N.Y.

We were advised by ^{letter} ~~word~~ this
morning from Ballach & Son - that they had
bought you yesterday for an old - as we wired
you, old tale } 39 Bars
@ 109 1/2 } 7m @ 65 41.416 ⁵⁰ - 02⁵

their fine silver

We had specially requested
them to advise us by telegraph the same day
that we might advise you by letter - but you
then have had it is to move ~~a~~ Dutchman
out of their usual place and ways!

Very truly
Handy & Cronise

Handy & Prouse
New York
Jan'y 7 1799

Shipment by E.
Balbach & Son for Messrs
a/c, of H, 416 to 504
Silver

Recd Jan^y 8/79

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J. G. SMITH, Gen. Supt.

A. L. WORTHINGTON, Sec. and Treas.

NUMBER.	SENT BY	TIME.	RECEIVED BY	CHECK
2 My	H	10.12	H	21 Feb 26
Dated New York Jan 7 / 79 J. J. Pollock			Rec'd at 110 S. Front St. Jan 7 1879	

Supt Mint

Balbach advises shipment thirty nine bars forty one thousand four hundred sixteen ounces and one half account sale at nine percent

Nandy and Croniss

2121
Handy & Conise.
New York
Jan 7/79

Telegram

Balbach Shifto 29
bars, 41, 41 1/2 on side
@ 917.

Recd Jan 7/79

Pagle Hole.

Wahanooy City Jan^y 28th
 1879.
 To the
 Secy. W. S. Finch.

Dear Sir.

I have quite a collection of ^{old} W. S. Coin
 on hand: please give me dates for
 buy price & if you do not want to purchase
 please hand the letter to some responsible
 party that will buy or send their address
 And oblige

Very Respectfully

Chas. J. Derrick

Wahanooy City
 Wis.

P. O. Box 81.

Chas. Y. Derrick
Mahanoy City.
Pa

Jan'y 28. 1879.

Offers lot of
old coins for sale
to the Munk.

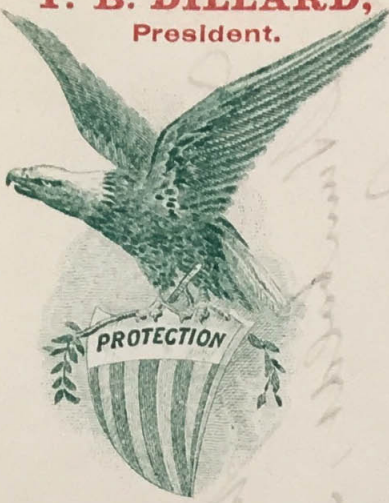
Rec'd Jan'y 29 1879

T. B. DILLARD,
President.

F. S. DAVIS, President
H. GRONAUER, Secretary.

AGENCY OF

R. V. VREDENBURGH, Vice Pres.
W. J. LITTLEJOHN, Asst. Secy.



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
FIRE & MARINE
Insurance Company
OF MEMPHIS, TENN.
CAPITAL \$300,000.

W. H. BRAZIER, General Agent.

Memphis Tenn June 13 1879

Wm. Pollock Esq.
Philadelphia Pa.
Dear Sir

Your favor 10th recd & noted. You say Mexican Silver dollars are worth 84 1/2 cents Trade dollars 88 1/4 cents; but that a depositor would have to pay freight both ways. I thought the Gov would pay return freight. Please answer the following & oblige will the Mint pay in checks on Sub Treasury at N.Y. in currency? If the Mint will pay in nothing but Standard Silver dollars, will you not give check on U.S. Depository at Memphis for them? If I were to ship you a lot of them would there be any delay in sending returns to me? If so how long? If I can make satisfactory arrangements I will ship you some answer soon as possible & oblige

Very Resply.

L. D. Wright

Recd Dec 4/9

L. B. Wright
Humboldt, Tenn
January 13, 1879

Inquires man partia-
cularly how Mexican
dollar are recd
paid for; and how
soon.

Recd Jan 17/79



S. M. Dodd, Vice President
W. H. Pulsifer, Treasurer

Geo. T. Gram, President

Jas. Newman, Secretary
Chas. Branch, Asst Secy

Agency.

American Central Insurance Company

CASH ASSETS \$ 800,000.

ST. LOUIS.

Kumboldt Tenn Jan 7 1874

Dr Sir

Please be so kind as to answer
the following & oblige.

If I were to send you
100 Mex Silver dollars, how many American
Standard Silver dollars would you send me
for the 100? If I were to send you 100 Trade
dollars (American) how many Standard
Silver dollars would you send me in
exchange? What would be the value
of French five francs same way?
what would be the value of Spanish
dollars same way? Please answer
at your earliest convenience & oblige

Very Resply

J. B. Wright

And Sir Ayl

2148.
L. B. Wright
Humboldt
Yerm

Jan 7. 1879

Asking various
questions about
Mexican, + Trade dol-
lars and other coins.

Recd Jan 10. 1879

Miscellaneous Letters

— Recd by

Superintendent

Jan.

1879

The United States
PHILADELPHIA,

necessary supplies for

Zanesville, O.

Jan. 13. 1879.

Dr. Sir:

20 half & quarter
dollars prior to 1853 now

Command a premium &

if so, how much -

I enclose postal for
reply.

Truly yours
J. C. Dodge.

J. C. Douglass.

Zanesville

Ohio

Jan 13. 1879

Asking if half
and quarter dollars
prior to 1853 com-
mand a premium.

Recd Jan 15/79

Reports & Letters

To

Superintendent

Nos

2090 to 2498

Jan & Feb 1879

Purham N.C.

Jan 7 " 1879

Sup't of the Mint }
Philadelphia Pa }

Dear Sir, Will you please inform me
what Mexican Dollars are worth
and what it will cost to have them
reduced into legal tender dollars.
Are they heavy enough without adding
any silver to make a legal tender dollar
and can I have them reduced at your
Mint - Your early reply will
greatly oblige

Yours very truly &c

L. O. Pauls

2157
L. B. Rawls
Durham
N. C.

Jan 7. 1879

Wants value
of Mexican dol-
lars &c

Recd Jan 10. 1879

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/JANUARY

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/JANUARY (CONT.)

J. M. BOALT,
Postmaster.

Post Office,

SANDUSKY, O.,

July 26th 1879

Sir:

If you cannot give me any thing for
the small amt. in punched 3^d piece but
you please return them to me; though I
would greatly prefer to have you furnish
me something for them, as I cannot use
them to pay P.O. Dep. Dfts. and shall not
attempt to force them into circulation again.

Respectfully,
J. M. Boalt, P.M.

James Pollock,
Capt. N. S. Lincoln,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mailed \$8.50 currency,
July 27/79

Mr. M. Boulton.
 Andover
 January 23/79

Wanted to be glad to
 get something for the
 mutilated 3 of silver
 pieces sent - If not
 returned them

Recd Jan 25/79

Pittsburgh Pa

July 8. 1859

W. C. Snowden Esq.

Sir

On advertise
for coins & medals bearing
Washington's portrait. I
have several & give below
a list of some of them.
If you have not already
secured specimens of those
named I am willing to
dispose of them if you wish
to purchase -

1. Large sized Cent (probably
a pattern) gilt. Obverse, a
finely executed bust of Washington,
legend, George Washington. Reverse
American Eagle perched on a shield

which bears the Stars & Stripes.
Legend, Liberty and Security.
On the edge, An Asylum for
the Oppress'd of all Nations.
No date. (But supposed to be
about 1792. — A very
fine & rare specimen!

2. A small medal, brass, size
5. Obv. Bust of
Washington, $\frac{3}{4}$ face. "General
Washington". Rev. An eagle
with expanded wings, holding
a branch, arrows &c. "In Unitate
Fortitudo."

3. Cent or Token, bearing
a portrait of Washington,
1795.

4. Do, another variety, 1795
5. Do. Do. 1795

If I meet with any others
I will forward a
description of them.

I am, Sir

Yours respectfully
Jno: Gregory

P Box 1385.

Dear To
Dr John Ferguson

Albany

PA

Washington
Mass,

July 11, 1854.

July 11. 59.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your
favor of the 8th inst.

I hope a: 1. namely "Theory and
Security"; and a: 2. — "in Unilate Fortitude".
You described a: 3. 4 and 5 as cents
notkins bearing the portrait of Washington
1795. Is not the date a mistake?

I would be glad if you would describe
the three last named pieces more
particularly.

I am happy to learn that you are
willing to tender me what assistance you
can in procuring specimens of the
Washington for the Cabinet.

I send you a copy of my Washington
Circular, and am, my dear Sir,
Yours &c.

J. John Gregory Tanner Pop Chandler,
Pittsburgh Pa. Director of the Mint.

Newbern Tenn,

Jan, 23rd 1879

To, Director of the Mint Phil,
Gents,

Please inform
us by return mail the real value of
mexican Silver Dollars, in Guasbuck
or American Silver. Please write
quotations plainly so we can understand
same. or give us the worth of
\$ 500,000 mexican Dollars in Legal Tender
& oblige
Gregory & Dickey

2182

Gregory & Sickey

Newbern

Yours

Jan'y 23. 1879

Asking value
of Mexican
dollars.

Rec'd Jan'y 27. 1879

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message.

Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of Unrepeated Messages.

This message is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

32 Gov

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Washington Dc 1/23 1879

Received at

1242

To Superintendent of mint Phila

Anticipate transfer order fifty
eight seventy nine for fifteen
thousand standard silver dollars
to San Antonio National Bank
San Antonio Texas

Gas Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.

28 paid Govt

Am T

Rec'd Jan 23. 1879 Fifteen thousand
Standard Dollars for deposit
Dunning & Co
J. L. Thompson

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Received of
(Gibson)
Jan 23/79

Telegrams

Anticipate T.O.
at 5879 for 15,000 Hk
Silver dollars for S.O.
at 1811 San Antonio
Texas.

2153
15-
10765-
2153
32295-
16148

Recd Jan 23/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 23, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate for silver bullion in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your Mint is hereby fixed at one hundred and ten cents per ounce of fine silver contained.

Very respectfully
R. A. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. M.

(R E Preston)

January 23/79

Fixing the purchasing
rate of Silver bullion
@ 110 cents per ounce,
fine.

Recd Jan'y 24/79

The Mint of the United States at Denver,

OFFICE OF THE ASSAYER IN CHARGE,

Denver, Colorado, Jan 23, 1879.

Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of 18th inst covering Duplicate
Exp^d #4876 for \$177.16 on acct of deduction
on deposits of Bullion at this mint for 4th
quarter 1878. and Assay Memorandum
#75

Very Respectfully
A. Gilman

Assayer &c

James Pollock
Supt U.S. Mint
Phila. Pa.

The Mint of the United States
AT DENVER,

January 23, 1879.

H. Silver

Assayer in Charge.

Subject: Rec^d duplicates
b/d of \$177.16 in
of deductions deposits
of Bullion of the Quarter
1878

No. of Enclosures, —

Rec^d Jan 29/79

Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport.

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in

STOCKS, BONDS & C.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street.

New York, May 23rd 1879

Now

James Pollock
Supt U. S. M.

Dear Sir

We have sold to Director U. S. M.

Washington D. C. on 22nd inst

ozs 15000 Fine silver @ 1.1105

" 15000 " " " 1.1115

" 15000 " " " 1.1125

and have forwarded today, as per Receipt
enclosed, 33 Bags containing

90 Bars U. S. A. f. 999

ozs 18,206.39

Met & fine silver coin

" 13144.

13144
118296

31,350.39

this shipment will complete
the first two sales of 15000 eggs each
the remainder will follow in a
few days.

We shall consider it a great
obligation by making as liberal
a remittance on account, as
possible.

We remain

Dear Sir

Yours Very Respectfully
Mottu & Davenport
L. J. D.

Matta Davenport
New York
Jan'y 23/79

Forwards Silver
on 31, 350.39 n
at Sale 22 Jan'y

Rec'd Jan'y 24/79

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 181.

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

NEW YORK, Jan'y 23, 1879

Received from

Moller & Ruckertson,

Sealed and said to contain

Fifteen Bags

Eight hundred & fifty dollars Amer Sil. each.

Addressed

Supr U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Pa.

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the Government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company, and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

For the Company,

Freight,

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 181. GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$ 19350#

NEW YORK,

Jan 23 1879

Received

from

Molter & DeCupot,

Seventeen Bags

Sealed and said to contain

Eleven hundred dollars each, & one bag, six hundred & fifty dollars,

Addressed

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Pa.

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the Government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company, and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

For the Company,

Freight,

AGENCY
OF
The Bank of California.

Office of Laidlaw & Co.

12 PINE STREET

New York Jan 23rd 1879

Superintendent U. S Mint
Philadelphia, Penn

Dear Sir

We have your favor Jan 22^d
& would say in reply that we
returned receipts for \$13000. Jan 21st

We sold on the 22^d inst to the
U. S. Government Forty thousand ounces
silver at \$1.109 per ounce and it
will be forwarded to you by Mess
E. Balbach & Son of Newark, N. J. for
our account

Yours truly
Laidlaw & Co

Laidlaw & Co.

New York

January 2nd / 79

Returned receipts for
\$ 13,000 Jan 21.

Balbach & Am will
forward 40,000 on Silas
on our acct.

Recd Jan 24 / 79

Hinton N. Y.
Jan. 24, 1879.

Superintendent of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir:

Will you please be
kind enough to inform me
what Mexican Dollars (silver)
are worth at the mint, and
in what amt. do you buy them?
I take a great many of them
in my business.

Please oblige me
Very Truly

E. O. Price

Hinton N. Y.

Jan. 24, 1879.

Superintendent of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

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kind enough to inform me
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I take a great many of them
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Please oblige me
Very Truly

E. O. Price

E. D. Prince

Hinton

W. Bay

Jan'y 24. 1879.

Asking value
of Mexican dol-
lars.

Rec'd Jan'y 27/79

Mechanicsville, Jan. 24, 1879.

Supt. of Mint Phila.,

Sir, - Will you please give me the answer to the following question; "Give some account of the Trade Dollar, when, why, and where coined? This question was given me to answer but cannot do it satisfactorily without aid. Will you please comply and oblige?

Yours respectfully,

D. R. Becker,

Mechanicsville,

Brucks Co.,

Pa.

Answer immediately if convenient.

D. R. Becker

Mechanicsville, Pa

Jan 24/79

Wants some
account of the Irish
Dollar.

Recd Jan 25/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y 24th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd inst.
transmitting bill of A. S. Tomkinson
for 5³/₄ Doz. 3 gal. glass retorts
shipped the U. S. Mint at New Orleans,
has been received.

The bill of Mr. Tomkinson has been
approved and referred to the accounting
officers for settlement and in due course
of business a draft for the amount \$67.98.
will be transmitted him.

Very Respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

A.D.W.

R L Ruston

24 January 179

Recd & app'd bill of
 A. S. Thompson on,
 for 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ days salary for
 N. C. Mint, \$67.98
 - Draft for the Mint
 will be duly forwarded

Ret 25 Jan'y 179

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y 24th*, 1879.

*Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.*

Sir:

*I have received your statement
of "Silver Purchased" for the week
ending January 18th 1879.*

*Very Respectfully,
R. A. Preston
Acting Director.*

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A. D. K.

R. E. Peyton

24 Jan'y /79

Rec'd Statement of
silver purchased for the
week ending 18 Jan'y /79

Rec'd 25 Jan'y /79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y 24th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd inst. stating that through the inadvertence of the Melters & Refiners - Aqua-fortis of 110° Beaume was not included in your advertisement for proposals for Acids for the current six months and requesting authority to purchase such quantity as may be required from Harrison, Bros. & Co. and Chas. J. Crease, in equal quantities at 53⁸ cents per lb. as recommended by the Melters & Refiners.

You are hereby authorized to
purchase, in equal proportions,
of the parties named - such
quantity of Aqua-fortis of 40° Beaume
as may be required at your mint
for the six months ending June 30th
1879.

Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. M.

R. S. Payton

24 Jan 179

Authorized to buy
 Aqua Fortis of 40°
 & Beams of the 2
 parts named, at the
 price stated for
 M & R

Recd 25 Jan 179



P. O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street

New York, July 24th 1879

Wm James Pollock
Supt Mint Met & Co
N.Y.

We have of hand 250⁰⁰ with
y^eck 1140 for \$39,900 ²⁴ 100⁰⁰ for which
please find herewith receipts signed

and
Send herewith by Express a/cb sale to the
Govt for return as usual C/o Bk with
the five lines as enclosed memo.
to wit

I Hall Bay 19136 95⁰⁰ ✓

and
have been advised by letter ^{dated 12th inst} from Hallack & Co
that they sent you yesterday for one a/cb
13.665²⁰ ✓
(3 Bays

Very truly
Handy & Cronise

Stang & Bonide
New York
Jan'y 24/79

Rec'd Check for \$37,900.-
and forward's silver
020 17,136.95 -
and
020 13,663.20 -

Rec'd Jan'y 25/79

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Purdy Tenn. Jan'y 25. 1879
Superintendent of the United States Mint
At Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir

Please inform me what you are paying
for Mexican silver dollars,

And Oblige

J P Prineer

2308
J. P. Prince

Purdy

Yenn

Jan 25. 1879

Wants Milk
price of Mex-
ican dollars.

Recd Jan 31. 1879

Julius Molter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Molter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in

STOCKS, BONDS & C.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street.

New York, Aug 25 1879

Hon

James Pollock

Supt U. S. M

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th inst
enclosing Draft for 28,000 Standard
Dollar on account of Silver Bullion
transmitted 23rd inst, has come
to hand, and you will please
accept our thanks, and we
enclose Receipts in Duplicate

We have forwarded this day,
the remainder of Silver due on
contract of 22nd inst and con-
sisting of
6 Bags containing Ufa Bar Co 5607.03.
12 " " Mex Silver Coin " 10.435.-
16,042.03
and enclose Receipt

You will very much oblige
us by making remittance on
account, at your earliest con-
venience

We remain Dear Sir
Yours Very Respectfully
Mott & Davenport
L.P.

14,588.10
20

Mellin & Davenport
New York
January 25/79

Recd check of
\$28,000.
and forwards
Silver -
04.16,047.03

Recd Jan'y 27/79

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 181.

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$16.350# (18 Bags) NEW YORK, June 25 1879

Received from

Molten & Gaveyport

~~Twelve Bags~~

Eighteen Bags

Sealed and said to contain

Twelve Bags valued at Eight hundred & fifty dollars each &

Addressed

5 Bags valued at Eleven hundred dollars each

1 " " Six hundred & fifty Dollars

Addressed Sept 25th Minn Philadelphia

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the Government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company, and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

For the Company,

Freight,

EDWARD K. TRYON, JR. & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS OF

Guns and Pistols,

STORES—No. 19 North Sixth Street and No. 220 North Second Street.

ARMORY—Rear of 220 North Second Street.

Philadelphia, Jan 25 1879

Director W. D. Mint

Sir:

Enclosed please find
a letter from a customer of ours
which ~~explains~~ explains itself.

Will you kindly give
us such information as you
may have on the subject.

Thanking you in advance
we are

Yours Very Truly
Edw. K. Tryon, Jr.

Please reply to Mess^{rs} Tryon & Co. -

The supply of halves & quarters has been ^{too}~~too~~ ^{so} abundant, for more than 30 years, to need any cutting, to make change.

Before we had a mint, say 90 years ago, Spanish dollars were sometimes cut into quarters, in the West, for that purpose; and Gen. Washington, writing to a member of Congress, complained that they sometimes made five quarters.

The same thing was practised in the Spanish islands of the West Indies, with a special stamp to legalize their currency.

JOHN M. BONNET,

Jobber of

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, &c.,

No. 156 Main Street,

Janesville, O. Jan 23rd 1879Messrs E. H. Fryer & Co.
Gentlemen,

Will you be kind enough to let me know by return mail-if possible-whether at any time-within the last twenty five or thirty years, did they cut up coins say 50¢ & 25¢ pieces so as to make change of less value.- Was there at any time scarcity in change, that they had to do this, I mean only in the state of Pa.- We have had a little dispute here this morning - & if you can answer me this question, I will be much obliged to you. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain - with kind regards -

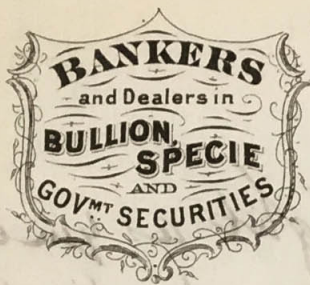
Very Respectfully Yours.

Frank Bonnet

Frank Bonnet
(To E. K. Bryon & Co.)
Zanesville Ohio
Jan. 23/79

Asking information
as to the cutting of
quarters and halves

Recd. Jan. 27/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Aug 25 1879

Hon James Pollock
Capt 4th Unit Phila Pa

Sir

We have of Aug 24th inst
with of Ch #7141 for 25000 \$ & Dolly receipts
for which we enclose herewith signed

and

in regard to Silver sent you for as set by others
we presume our statement of yesterday's letter
will meet wth inquiry. We have urgently
insisted upon "Pollocks" telephg us the day
they send you. and also advising us by letter -
but they did not do the first at all, in this
case, and did not write us until the second
day after - or you would not have been without
advice for us.

We send to day, as closing the

sale @ 109 ⁰² -

7 Day "Dunka & Mfg Co"

6680286

10432⁰² 75 0042 987

the charges on which please make as tight as you can
 as the Competition of the Private Refiners who profess
 to refine to 99th of 100th on the gold ^{exchange for putting} leave us scarcely any
 option of trying the Government on them - as we would
 prefer to do.

We send also a set of our sale
 to the Mint ^{111.30} and for returned, as usual Gold
 of 99th or there, as in the Run above stated - the
 following fine Run -
 to wit

J. B. Whistler	42 38.97	
14 Run - Matt	18 382.10	42 ⁵
18 do - Ballade	19 205.50	41.926 ⁵⁷

Vingthry

Hand & Power
 Rec & check
 for \$25,000.
 and forward
 220. 10, 432. 75
 2100. 1096. 88

and
 620. 441, 926, 574
 2111. 300

Hand & Power
 Jan'y 25/79

1/2
 again I hope

Rec & Jan'y 29/79

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

(184)

622 Chestnut Street,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Jan 30 1879.

Mr. Hickok

Will you please write
to the First Natl Bank of Watsetka Ill & say
that the Bag of Coin arrived here
in good order & was delivered at the
mint. Mr Buchanan the Weigher
says there must have been a mistake
in the count of a hundred dollars,
for that was the difference between
what the Coin weighed & what it
should have weighed if there
had been 954 Mexican Dollars

Yours truly
Geo L Thompson

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NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Washington Dc 1/27 1879

Received at N. W. Corner 10th and Chestnut Streets. 458

To Superintendent Mint
Philada

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Mr Linderman Director of

the mint died today

at three thirty pm

R B Preston

Actg Director

2 / Collect Goot man

25

2272

Adell

(R. E. Parson)

Jan'y 27/79

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Announcing death

of Direct Sinden

at three thirty four

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Jan'y 27/79

The First National Bank

NO. 1721
of Watseka, Illinois.

Samuel Williams, President
David McGill, Vice-President

George C. Harrington, Cashier
Josiah C. Williams, Ass't Cashier

Watseka, Ill., January 21st 1879
James Pollock Esq
Supt U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Wm Sir

I have before me your statement of Jan'y 21/79
— No 36 — Concerning our shipment of Mexican
Dollars of the 17th inst. I would respectfully
ask a re-examination of the figures in the transaction.
We shipped 954 Mexican dollars, mostly new.
Even assuming the weight to be only 400 grains
each there would seem to be a large shortage
in weight at the mint. The Mexican dollars sell
from 80 to 82 cts in the market, and yet our
retainers are but a fraction over 75^{cts}, while silver
has recently been quoted in London at 50
pence.

Respectfully

Deposited Jan'y 21

Geo C Harrington, Cash

Geo. C. Harrington, Esq.
 1st Nat Me
 Watscha, Me
 January 27/79

Complaint of a
 shortage in returns
 of Mexican Dollars

[Express Agent's answer
 filed herein.]

Recd Jan 30/79

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Treasury of the United States,

Washington, January 27, 1879.

Sir:

I forward this day to your address by Reg. Mail \$12. ²/₁₀₀ mutilated silver pieces, the bullion value of which I will thank you to ascertain, and deposit with the Asst. Treas. U. S. in your city, in transfer account, advising this office.

Very respectfully,

Samuel H. Moore
Treas. U. S.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Pa.

Treasury U. S.
 (Gillfillan)
 Jan'y 27/79

Forwards by express
 \$12²¹ mutilated
 silver pieces - the full
 value to be deposited
 in Kansas A/c.

C/D \$9.97 mailed

Recd Jan'y 28/79

No. 46.

MEMORANDUM OF SILVER BULLION PURCHASED BY THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

at Philadelphia, the 28th day of Jan'y, 1879, from Geo. C. Thompson
Agt Adams Express Co

DESCRIPTION OF BULLION.	WEIGHT.				FINENESS.	STANDARD WEIGHT.		NET VALUE, @ \$1 247 per oz. st'd w't. 1 0 0	
	BEFORE MELTING.		AFTER MELTING.			Ounces.	Dec.	Dollars.	Cents.
	Ounces.	Dec.	Ounces.	Dec.					
US Coin	9	30	9	20	784	8	01	9	97
3¢ pieces									
Treas'r of US									
Sale Value \$12.21									

NOTE.—This memorandum is for the information of the Depositor, and of no other value.

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I CERTIFY that the net amount of the above Purchase is Nine 97/100
Dollars, payable only on presentation of the receipt of a corresponding date and number issued.

In Gold Coin, \$
“ Silver Coin, \$ 9.97
“ Gold Bars, \$

James Pollock
Superintendent of the Mint.
By Jas. Baldwin

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.

BANKERS.

New York, May 27 1879
J. P. Galloob, Supt
Dear Sir:

We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of the 25th
inclosing check

SD \$ 22,000

enclose receipt
only signed

Sincerely,
J. W. Seligman

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York
Jan 27/79

Rec'd check for
\$22,000 - 4/2 Silver

Rec'd Jan 28/79



P.O. Box 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, July 27th 1879

Hon^{ble} James Pollock
 Sup^t Int^l Phila^{7a}
 Pa

We enclose herewith signed
 rec^t for enclosure your 95th with v^{ch} #7144
 for 20.000 \$^d dolls

and

Had you this day on
 a/c^t - and for returns, as usual, C/o Bk
 of New York - Silver, as per enclosed mem.
 to wit

12th Wall Bay 18.227⁶⁹ 02

Very Respy

Handy & Cronise

Handy & Conner
New York
Jan 27/79

Rec'd check for \$30,000.
and forwards
ozs. 18,227.67 ~~ozs.~~ Silver

Rec'd Jan 28/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

January 27, 1879.

Sir:

The appointment of James C. Pollock as Workman in your Mint at a compensation of \$5.50 per diem, submitted in your communication of the 25th inst., is hereby approved to take effect from this date, payable from the appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
R. A. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

A. D. M.

R. S. Boston

27 Jan'y /79

Approving app'd
 of James B. Pollock,
 at Wm Kna @ \$5.50
 per diem, from 27 Jan-
 -uary, 1879.

How to be put in
 pay coll.

Rec'd 28 Jan'y /79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 7 1879.

Dr:

Bill of R. A. McClure, amounting
to \$46.00 for coins furnished the Cabinet
of your Mint, has been approved and
referred to the proper Accounting Officer
of the Department for settlement, payable
from the appropriation for specimens of
Ore & Coins for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

R. A. Preston

Acting Director

Mr. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

A. D. M.
R. S. Poston
27 Jan'y 1879

Bill of R. A.
McClure \$46.75
month set of 1879
to the Cabinet
app'd for payt

Rec'd 28 Jan'y 1879

Copy

Mint U. S. Philadelphia

January 28th 1879

At a meeting of the Officers and employees of the Mint held this day for the purpose of giving expression to their sorrow caused by the death of the Hon. H. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint, an Organization was effected by calling the Hon. James Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint, to the Chair, and L. R. Cowperthwaite to act as Secy. - The Chairman in a feeling manner made a touching address suitable to the occasion. On Motion Prof. W. E. DuBois, Prof. J. C. Booth and Major - O. C. Bosbyshell were appointed a Committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, who reported the following Minute which was read and unanimously adopted.

"It is due to Henry R. Linderman, so long and honorably connected with Mint affairs, and with this Mint in particular, that we should take an early opportunity, after the announcement of his death, to unite in a Minute regarding his official and personal character.

We have known Director Linderman here, for many years. He came first as a learner; a clerk. He knew well that there was a great deal to learn, for each one of us, in order to carry on the Mint successfully, and most diligently and industriously did he set

himself to the work, Specially in his own sphere of duty. He was Signally an active, working man, at the same time, he was habitually a man of genial and even affectionate disposition, making friends as fast as he made acquaintances.

We may well say, that industry, kindness, and gentlemanly bearing ought to be the presages of advancement, and so, after a sufficient schooling in a subaltern post, he easily passed upward to the Director's chair. In that position he constantly promoted improvements in every department of the Mint service. If an active and impulsive mind sometimes led him into what was not advisable, he was nevertheless always ready to be advised, if not always disposed to change his mind.

Eventually when the Mint Bureau was created by a revised Mint Code (of which he was one of the authors.) his office was transferred to the Treasury Department at Washington, and as Director in the new sense he took the supervision of all the Mints and Assay Offices in the country. In this post he fulfilled the term, limited by law to five years, and directly the stern hand of death was laid upon him. A marked characteristic was his freedom from envy, jealousy, harshness, and narrowness of soul; No man was more willing to accord

praise where praise was due, none more ready to presume good motives. He was tolerant of rivalry, and a respecter of an honest, open opponent. Though quite capable of vigorous defence against assaults, he kept silence when many men would have been instant in repelling the assailant. He was reluctant to speak evil of any, declaring that the only fair judgment between man and man must be rendered after "putting Yourself in his place."

To this summary, necessarily prepared in great haste, and perhaps too brief, we may add that he was naturally possessed of good mental powers, was easy & fluent in conversation, and yet not qualified for public speaking. He will be better known by what he has written, and effected. The most striking mental characteristic which he evinced in his official Relations was the strongest common sense, and a sound judgment based on the views which he drew from those under him, whose opinions he always solicited & respected.

On Motion Miss C. C. Thorn, Messrs. F. C. Garrigueas, Thos. Crosby & J. B. Cowden were constituted a Committee to provide a Floral tribute to the deceased, and the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the ~~proceedings~~ proceedings to his family.

L. R. Cooper Thwaite Esq
Secretary -
Dear Sir -

Extreme nervous prostration
has prevented my replying
to your very sympathetic
note enclosing to me the
resolutions adopted by
the officers and employees
of the (U.S. Mint Phila)
relative to the death of
my dear husband. Please
convey to them my

(Signed) James Pollock, Chairman.
(Signed) L. R. Cowperthwaite, Secretary.

2291
Copy of minute
res. adopted at
a meeting of the
Officers and employ-
ees of the Mint
held Jan'y 28. 1879
relative to the
death of H. R. Lin-
deman, Director.

Jan'y 28/79

2284
R. S. Hastings
Washingt D.C.
Jan'y 28/79

Telegram

Funeral of Mr.
Lindeman to be at
Bethlehem 30th
next 7. P.M.

Rec'd Jan'y 28/79

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NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Washington D C

1/28 1879

Received at N. W. Corner 10th and Chestnut Streets.

To

Superintendent M. J. Mint

Phila Pa

*Funeral of Dr Linderman
will be held at Bethlehem
two pm Friday thirtieth*

R. E. Preston

23 collect Goot X

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READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

First National Bank of Independence.

Capital Stock, \$100,000. Surplus, \$20,000.

Independence, Iowa, June 28th 1879

Hon James P. Falck, Cashier,

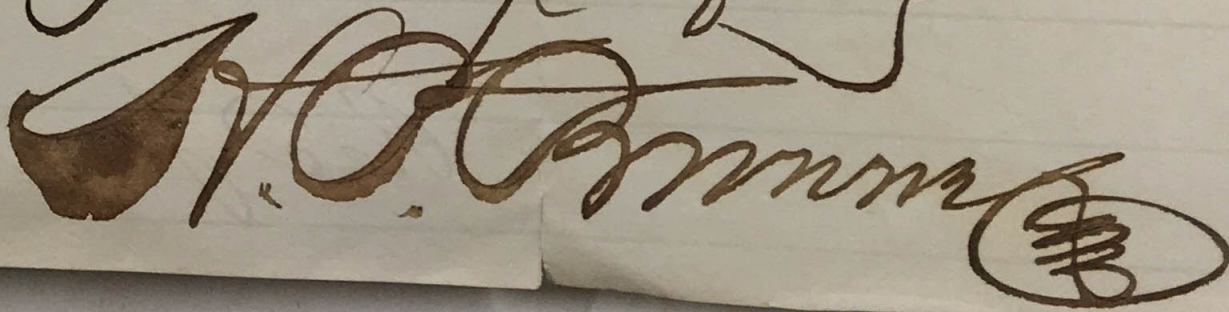
Supe of Mint

Philadelphia

Sir

Yours of
the 25th inst is before meIt will be impossible for me to
comply with your request, to send
you the "bag" & the scale as they
appeared on openingThe seal was examined when
delivered by express so & appeared
to be in good order. When the bag
was opened the seal was broken
& not sound, which has always been
our custom

Yours respectfully

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to H. P. Browne, the Cashier mentioned in the header. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial 'H'.

H. P. Thawne

Independence

Jan 28/79

cannot return
the coin by with
the seals as they
appeared in moral

Recd Jan 31/79

1879

South Boston Jan. 28,
Superintendent of U. S. Mint.
Dear Sir,

Will you please inform
me whether you coin old silver for
private parties or not and if so
what you charge for coining?
An early answer will oblige.

Yours Respectfully,
James H. Coffey,
221 Eighth St.,
South Boston,
Mass.

James H. Coffey
South Boston
Mass

Jan'y 28/79

Don't the dirt
coin old silver?
and what are the
charges?

Recd Jan'y 31/79

Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in

STOCKS, BONDS &c.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street

New York, Aug 28th 1879

Hon James Pollock
Supt U.S. Mint
Philad^a

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge receipt
of your esteemed favor of
29th inst, enclosing check on
Apt. Trust Co. for \$13,000
on the Silver Bullion &
Enclose Receipt in duplicate.

We remain,

Serv^tl,

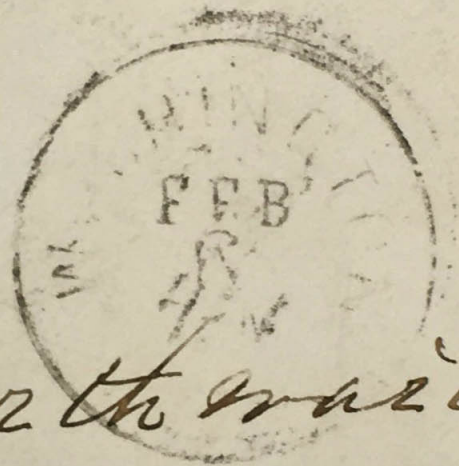
Very respectfully

C. F. Davenport

Mollen F. Davenport
New York
January 28/79

Rec'd Check for
\$13,000. n/c
Silver sold

Rec'd Jan'y 29/79



L. R. Cooper the waiter
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia





P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan'y 20 1879

Wm James Pollock
Sup't Mint Phila^a Pa
Pa.

We return herewith signed
Vch for enclosur of Jan'y 27th inst. - to wit
wch 7146 for 3000 H'd Dols

We send the American
Drs expecting your regular treatment of them -
(according to your rules) and not expecting
any exception to be made in respect to them -
We are anxious to have y^r test of them
both as to their purity in Silver but in Gold.

Very Truly

Handy & Cronise

Hunt & Lewis
 New York
 July 28/79

Rec'd Check for \$38,000.—

Omaha bank to be
 treated according to their reg-
 -ulations - anxious to know
 the fineness of the Gold &
 the Silver

Rec'd July 29/79

J. M. BOALT,
Postmaster.

Post Office,

SANDUSKY, O.,

Aug 29 1879

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
favor of the 27th inst., with your remittance
of Eight dollars & fifty cents, proceeds of purchased
silver 3¢ pieces sent you for redemption.

Please accept my thanks for the
favor conferred.

Very Respectfully,
J. M. Boalt, P.M.

James Pollock Esq.
Capt. W. F. Smith
Philadelphia, Pa.

23/1

Mr M Boals Mr
Sandusky O
Jan'y 29/79

Acknowledging
receipt of \$ 8.50 the
bullion value of punched
3 of silver pieces, sent
in redemption in ex-
change

[Note this was a per-
sonal accommodation
on the part of the Dept
Helt I

Recd Jan'y 31/79

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Treasury of the United States,

Washington, January 29, 1879.

Sir:

Enclosed please find Transfer Order No. 5891, in your favor, on the Treasurer in charge Mint U. S. Denver Col., for \$3,201.⁵³/₁₀₀ gold coin, proceeds of gold bullion forwarded to your office by registered mail, and of date January 28th 1879.

I will thank you to return the Transfer order, with your endorsement, as a voucher for the credit in my "Bullion Fund Account," when the next transcript of that account is rendered to this Office.

Very respectfully

Samuel H. Ripley

Treasurer U. S.

Superintendent:

Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer U. S.
(Gillfillan)
January 29/79

Enclosing T. O.
No. 5891 for \$3,201. 53
Coin value of gold Bullion
from Denver Mint 28 Jan'y
1879 in A/c U. S.

Rec'd Jan'y 30/79

Established 1865.



QUEEN CITY BAKERY,

B. H. HAYES, Proprietor,

DEALER IN

Confectioneries and Fancy Groceries,

Fresh Bread and Cakes every day. Particular attention given to furnishing Cakes for Parties and Weddings. Oysters and Ice Cream in season. Everything is warranted first-class.

No. 1 WEST MAIN STREET,

Waynesville, Ohio, Jan 29 1879



U S Mint

Philadelphia

Chestnut St below 13 St.

Gentleman

Dear Sir I am in
formed by Mr Moson & Co of yours that you
would give me information on old US Coin the Eagle
Nickel cents of 1858 state the impression of each piece
made in that year or can you send me catalogue of all
the Nickel cents made in 1856-1857-1858 1859 Please
state what the old coin dealer or paying for such pieces in
Preamen, in cash Please Give me all the information
you can your humble servant would be very thankful
or if you have a catalogue with in given up two 50¢
send me & J. will send you the money. Give me all
the pieces of silver that is scarce and lower and that
of Gold all saw which commands a Premium

Please let me hear from you
J. in close Stamp envelope

Yours With Respect

B. H. Hayes



if you cant send Catalogue give me the impression like this
of the value piece at a Premium of Copper & silver & Gold
Please state if a \$10 Gold Piece if lower 1803 & Premium

2316

B. H. Hayes
Waynesville, O.
January 29/79

Want Price list of old
coins &

Rec Jan 31/79

Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport.

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in

STOCKS, BONDS & C.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street.

New York, May 29 1879

How

James Vollock

Supt of M

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th inst with
check on Aust Treas for 9022⁸² balance
in full for Silver transmitted
under contract of 22nd inst has
been received, and we enclose
Receipt in Duplicate, with thanks

Yours Very Respectfully
Motter & Davenport
J. F. D.

Mollie Davenport
New York
Jan'y 29/79

Rec'd Check for
\$9022.82 in full
for Silver under Contract
of Jan'y 22.

Rec'd Jan'y 30/79

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.

BANKERS.

New York, Dec 29
1879
Sallock & Co.
Dear Sir:

Philadelphia
We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of the 29
inclosing Check \$ 5

\$ 4598⁵¹ -

for which we enclose
receipts duly signed
by us.

Truly yrs
Jas Seligman

J. & W. Seligman & Co
New York
Jan'y 29/79

Rec'd check for
\$4598⁵¹ on a/c
Silva sold

Rec'd Jan'y 30/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan'y 29th 1879

Wm James Pollock
 Supl. Trust Phil^a Pa
 Phil^a

We have of Jan'y 28th inst with
 enclosure of \$7151 for 44622 1/2 H^d Dollars for
 which we return you the recpts signed.

and
 forward you to day an a/c and for return
 as usual C^d Bk of Eng^l
 12 Moth Bank 17597⁶⁰ on¹⁰

Very Truly

Handy & Cronise

Handy & Co
New York
Jan 29/79

Rec'd Check #24,612 79
and forwards
or 17,597. 62 silver

Rec'd Jan 30/79

[Faint mirrored handwriting from the reverse side of the page, including numbers and names like "Handy & Co"]

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *January 29, 1879.*

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

We have purchased this day for delivery at your Mint the following amounts of fine silver which you will please receive and pay for at the respective rates named, viz:

200,000 ounces	from Handy & Cronise	@ 110.18 c.
200,000	" " Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	110.18 "

You are authorized to make such payment of approximate value, pending melt and assay, as you may deem safe and proper.

Payment in standard silver dollars by Draft on New York.

Very respectfully
R. A. Preston
Acting Director.

2500

A. D. M.

R. V. Berlin

29 January 1779

Bought 400,000 oz
fine silver from Henry
& Boniss et al @ 110.18
payable as usual,

Rec 30 Jan 1779

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Jan'y 29, 1879.

Hon'ble R. C. Clerk

Supt Mint of Phil^a

My dear Sir

The remains of

the late W. Linderman

will arrive at the

West Phil^a Depot at

Thursday

6.30 P.M. 30 inst.

Very respectfully

R. A. Preston

R. E. Passtun,
 Washington D.C.
 Jan ~~28~~ 29/79

Remains of Dr.
 Linderman will
 reach West Phil^a
 depot at 6:30 PM
 30th inst.

Recd Jan 30/79

Rienzi Alcorn & Co.
Miss
Jan'y 29th 1879

To the
Director of The Mint of the U.S.
at Philadelphia
Penn

Dear Sir:

I wish to have
some Mexican dollars recoined,
what amt of fractional
currency - (Silver) will 1 Mex dol
make $\frac{2}{3}$ and what the cost
of coining?

If they can be coined
for private parties, please
give me the fineness of them,
also their bullion value,
and in what quantities
will they be recd.

You will greatly oblige
me by answering at your
earliest convenience -

- Enclose return
postage -

Yours Very Truly
Geo. W. Street
Rienzi
Miss

G. W. Street

Geo. M. Street

Rienzi. Miss.

Jan 29. 1879

Wants value
of Mexican
dollars.

Recd Feb 3. 1879



The Baraboo Republic.

EDWIN E. WOODMAN.

Baraboo, Wis.,

Jan 30, 1878.

The Director of the Mint, Phila.

Sir,

I have a quarter dollar of 1876, peculiar in having upon it a cross, which seems to have been made by the die. I inclose a penciled print of the coin, and have the honor to request that you will inform ^{me} whether any coins have been so marked exceptionally and if so, why it was done.

Very respectfully,
Edwin E. Woodman

Edwin E. Woodman
Barnes, W. V.

Jan 30/79

Inquiring as to the
genuineness of a $\frac{1}{4}$ dollar
of 1876, with a cross
on it.

Recd Feb 3/79

Blank No. 1.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Washington D C 1/30 1879

Received at N. W. Corner 10th and Chestnut Streets.

To

Superintendent Mint

*The purchasing rate for silver
Billion in lots of less
than ten thousand ounces &
your mint is hereby fixed
at one hundred & nine
cents per ounce until
further notice*

R E P

NOTICE AT THE TOP.

2301

A. D. K.

R & Barton

30 Jan'y 179

Purchasing rate for
silver bullion in
cor & def then 10,000
ozs fixed at 109
cents per ounce



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street

New York, Jan'y 30th 1879

Mr James Pollock
Supt Mint
Wash

We have sent you this day
for return, as usual to Bk of M^t and
as closing the sale @ 111 ³⁰ the following
Silver to wit

6 Bags U.S. Alloy	\$855 ⁵⁰
12 Bags Malt	17460 ⁶⁵ = 48316 ⁴⁵

and

on acct of sale made yesterday @ 110 ¹⁸

35 Bags Mex Doll av'g abt \$892 ⁰²
to each 1000

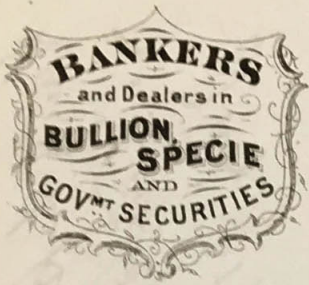
Which under permission of the Acting
Director of the Mint we are allowed to deposit
for proceeds at the point of 1000 fine without
charge for refining up to 1000 - They ought
to average abt 902 92 fine. We have requested
the Acting Director to wire you in the morning if
he has not already
written you.

Very truly
Handy & Cronise

Handy & Son
New York
January 30/79

Towards @ 111.30
ozs. 26,316.45 silver
and @ 110.18
ozs 86,972.02 silver
Mexican dollars, no
refining charges

Recd Jan 31/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street

New York, Aug 21st 1879

Wm James Pollock
 dept trust Phila Pa
 Wm

We have of favor 20th inst
 with enclosures \$454 for 20 295¹⁷
 83 14.804⁷² \$5 Dols
 for which please find herewith returned the acpts
 signed

May we trouble you
 to give us the Gold piece as above say \$600 @ 86
 as per of memo. 29th inst as this is not given as of
 memo.

Very Respy
 Handy & Cronise

Hand & Sound

New York

Jan 31/79

Rec'd checks of

\$20,275.14

\$14,804.22

Request for fine

7 7 No. 100

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Rec'd Feb 1/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street

New York, Jan'y 31 1879

Hon Jas Pollock

Supt.

Phila Pa.

Dear Sir,

We have sent you this day
for returns as usual to N.Y. City. and as
Sale 110th the following silver to wit,

1 Bag U.S. Assay Bars	1704.22
17. Platt Bars	17760.85
cts.	18965.07

as per enclosure memo.

Very Respectfully

Handy & Cronise
J.

2323

Hand & Son
New York
Jan 31/79

Towards by Repay @ 110.18
ozs 18,965.07. silver

Recd Feb 1/79

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/JANUARY (CONT.)

PH 80-100
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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879 / JANUARY (CONT.)

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 8, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia

Sir:

We have purchased this day for delivery at your Mint the following amounts of fine silver which you will please receive and pay for at the respective rates named, viz:

- ✓ 100,000 ounces from Laidlaw & Co. @ 108.85 ¢.
- ✓ 20,000 " " Moritz Meyer .. 108.90 "

Payment in standard silver dollars by draft on New York.

You are authorized to pay the approximate value, pending melt and assay, to such an extent as you may deem safe and proper.

Very respectfully
R. C. Paston
Acting Director

2/31

A. D. L.
R. S. Keston
Jan 8/79

Announcing purchase
of \$20,000 on fine
Silver from Laidlaw
& Co and all charges
@ 108.85 @ 108.90

Rec Jan 9/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan'y. 8th, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U.S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will arrange to coin from Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand to Nine Hundred Thousand Stand-
-ard Silver dollars during the cur-
-rent month.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Proctor

Acting Director.

2132

A.D.M.

R.R. Preston

Jan 8/79

Directions to coin
from \$50,000, to
900,000 Silver
Dollar during
the current month.

Recd Jan 9/79

All Official Letters to the Treasurer's Office must be addressed to the "Treasurer of the U. S.," and in replying to Letters from the "Treasurer's Office," the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

Treasury of the United States.

Washington, January 8, 1879.

Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith Transfer Order No. 5848 dated January 6, 1879, in your favor for \$75,000. in Standard Silver Dollars: also my duplicate Certificate of Deposit dated January 7, 1879, in your favor for a like amount on account of "Profits on the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars."

Will you please date and sign the indorsement on the back of the Transfer Order and return the same to this Office with your next transcript of my "Gullion Fund Account" as a voucher for the credit given therein?

Very respectfully

Wm. A. R. Pollock
Treasurer U.S.

Hon. Jas. Pollock.

Sup. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

No. 19175-

21341

Treasurer U. S.
(Gileman)
Jan'y 8/79

Enclosing T. O. #5848,
and duplicate GPO for
\$75000. profits in coinage
of Standard Silver
dollars.

Rec'd Jan'y 9/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan 8th 1879

Wm James Pollock
Supt Mint Phila Pa
N.Y.

We have of favor of the inst
enclosing all 7014 for 59 98 67 F.D. \$
for which we return receipt signed

and
sent you this as per memo accompanying and
inclosed for return as usual C/o Bk of Amst
to wit

5 Bar #1209 C's Matt	7654 45	} asct of completing sale @ 109 17
14 do 14 C 19 do	5406.75	
13 Bagt W. Assay	17996.46	

and "Hallath" since we this evening that
they send us one of 31 Bar and 2 to 33459 35 } asct of sale
56.862 56 } @ 108 95

altogether 64519 12

and beg to say that the error
to which W. Wickham calls attention was occasioned
by Matt's list copy of the }
Bar for that day, sent by him }
Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

Hand & Co
New York
Jan 8/79

Recd check of
\$57,981⁶⁷
and sent by Ex-
press 64,517⁰¹ on
fine silver

Recd Jan 9/79

AGENCY
OF
The Bank of California.

Office of Laidlaw & Co.

12 PINE STREET

New York Jan 8th 1879

Superintendent of the Mint
Philadelphia, Penn

Dear Sir

We have this date
sold the U. S. Government One
hundred thousand ounces
silver at \$1.0885 per ounce and
it will be forwarded to you
by Mess E. Balbach & Son, Newark,
N. J for our account

Yours truly

Laidlaw & Co

per J. Turnbull

2137
Saitlaw & Co
New York
Jan 8/79

E. Balbach & Son
We forward in this 90
109,000 ozs. fine silver
sold to the Govt
@ \$1.0885 per oz.

Recd Jan 9/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

January 9, 1879.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery Expense Accounts for the month of December. 1879.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

A.D.M.
R E Weston
Jan^y 9/79

Recd, Examined, and
Refused Ordinary
Expense & Refinery
Exp. for the month
of December, 1878

Recd Jan^y 10/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 9, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th instant, transmitting statements of "deposits and purchases" and "gold and silver of domestic production" for the months of October and November, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director

A.D.W.

R. & R. L. L.

Jan 9/79

Rec Statement of
Receipts & Payments,
and domestic pro-
duction for October
and November, 1878

Rec Jan 10/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y. 9th*, 1879.

*Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint Philad. Pa.
Sir:*

*Your letter of the 18th
inst. transmitting statement of
old materials sold during the
quarter ending December 31st 1878
has been received.*

*Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.*

A.D.M.
R. S. Barton
Jan'y 9/79

Ask'g secty State
Amount of all materials
sold for the quarter
ending Dec. 31/78

Rec'd Jan'y 10/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 9, 1879.

Sir:

The promotion of Saml. A. Heins, Plumber, to be Plumber & Gasfitter, at a compensation of \$3.²⁵ p. m. submitted in your communication of the 8th inst. is hereby approved to take effect on the 3rd inst. vice W. F. Gauss, deceased.

The resignations of M. V. Davis, and J. W. Helfrich, and the death of W. F. Gauss, reported in the same communication, have been noted on the Official Register of this office.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt. Mint, Phila.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. 10
 R. E. R. R.
 Jan 9/79

Approving promotion of
 Samuel A. Steine to
 be Plumber & Gas Fitter
 @ \$3²⁵ per diem, vice
 Wm F. Gauss, dec'd

Noting designation of
 M. V. Davis, and J. W.
 Helrich

Recd Jan 10/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y 9th*, 1879.

*Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.
Sir:*

*I herewith enclose
draft for \$26— on Asst. Treasurer
Philad^a in payment of the bill of
the coiner of your mint for twenty=
=five "Gold dollars" forwarded to
this office on the 17th ultimo.*

*Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.*

A.D.M.

R.E. Reston

January 9/79

Recd Jan 10 1879

Enclosing

Treasury draft for \$26.
 in payment for 25
 "Gold" dollars, for-
 warded Dec. 17/78

Jan 10 1879
 R. E. Reston
 Secy - enclosing
 Check for \$26. in payment
 of loan on Dec. 17/78
 A.D.M.

Recd Jan 10/79

Custom House, Rochester, N. Y.,

Collector's Office, Jan'y 9th, 1879.

Sir,

I have sent by Am. Express Co.
One bag containing, One hundred forty
eight $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, (\$148 $\frac{50}{100}$) light gold
Coin, for recoinage.

The net value of which, amount, I
wish deposited in my name with the
Asst. Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia.
to the credit of the U.S. Treasurer,
on account of Duties on Imports.

Respectfully

D. N. Carter

Collector

To

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

for C. & W.

Philadelphia

Penna.

215-8

Custom House, Collector's Office,
ROCHESTER, N. Y.,

January 9, 1879.

D. K. Carter
Collector.

Forwarded, by Express,
for recoinage,
#148⁵⁰ light steel
Coin.

[Jan'y 15/79. 6/8
mailed for #146⁴²]

No. of Enclosures, 5

Rec'd Jan'y 11/79

No. 54

MEMORANDUM of GOLD BULLION deposited at the MINT of the UNITED STATES

at Philadelphia, the 11th day of Jan^y 1879, by Geo^l C. Thompson

NOTE.—This Memorandum is for the information of the Depositor, and is of no other value.

Ag't Adams Express (4)

DESCRIPTION OF BULLION	WEIGHT				FINENESS	VALUE OF THE GOLD		SILVER PARTED FROM THE GOLD			DEDUCTIONS For Parting, Coinage and Fine Bars		NET VALUE		
	BEFORE MELTING		AFTER MELTING			1,000ths	Dollars	Cts.	FINENESS	VALUE		Dollars	Cts.	Dollars	Cts.
	Ounces	Dec.	Ounces	Dec.						1,000ths	Dollars				
US Coin	7	88	7	87	900	146	42							146	42

I Certify that the net amount of the above Deposit is 100 hundred and 00 ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars.

Payable at the Mint, only on presentation of the receipt of a corresponding date and number heretofore issued.

JAMES BOLLOCK

JAMES POLLOCK,
Superintendent of the Mint,

By

Gold Coin	\$	146.42
Gold Bars	\$	
Silver Coin	\$	
Silver Bars	\$	

HAMILTON
N.Y.

Boscawene W. H.

Jan. 9th 1879.

James Fallock Esq.

Dear Sir.

Will you
have the kindness to tell me if
any 20^c pieces of 1876, 1877, or
1878 were put into circulation
and if not what has become of
them. Are there any of the above
dates to be obtained except of
coin dealers?

Very truly yours.

E. C. Graves M.D.

E. E. Grass M.D.
Boscawen, N.H.
Jan'y 9/79

Enquiries of 204
pieces were coined
in 1876, 77 & 78,
can be had at the
Mint

Recd Jan'y 11/79

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.
BANKERS.

New York, Aug 1878
J. A. Talbot, Esq.
Dear Sir:

Philadelphia
We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of the 8
inclosing check \$ 38187.¹⁰

I have your receipt
Duly signed by us.

Very truly
Yours
J. Seligman

J & M Seligman & Co.
New York
January 9/79

Recd Check for
\$ 38,187.10. in
Silver

Recd Jan 10/79

James B. Colgate & Co.

No 47 Wall Street.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Superintendent of U.S. Mint

New York 9th Jan 1879

Dear Sir - We are in receipt of your favor of 4th inst. You complain that our invoice of 2nd inst. "was blurred & obliterated" & the figures were illegible. This we greatly regret, though our prep. copy does not warrant the sweeping charge made by you. We trust it will not occur again. Had you even hinted that there had been carelessness in making our invoices it would have been sufficient to insure immediate correction.

The threat made by you is very serious, if invoices do not come up to your ideal. You will hold the "hars" & delay remittance, thereby violating the contract made between the Secretary of the Treasury & the seller. This is an arbitrary stretch of power & we feel confident was made without reflection. Should such a case arise, which we doubt ever will, we should be compelled to lay this before the Secretary - A course like this, while it might only subject us to an inconvenience & a loss of interest, might work not only a loss of credit but ruin to others, not so firmly situated.

With great respect, we are -

Yours truly

J. B. Colgate & Co.

Gas. B. Bolgate & Co.
New York
Jan'y 9/79

In reply to complaint
about illegible invoices
of silver bars.

Recd Jan'y 10/79

Julius Molter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Molter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in

STOCKS, BONDS &c.

Nos. 1 Wall Street & 2 New Street.

New York, Aug 9th 1879

Hon James O. Pollock
Sup. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Dear Sir,
Receipt of your esteemed
favor of 5th inst, enclosing
\$4 in U. S. Treas. Note
for \$9,000. in part payment
of \$10,000. I beg to say,
which please accept
our best thanks.

Mallett & Davenport
New York
Jan'y 9/79

Rec'd Check for
\$9,000. for Silver
Sold.

Wm. L. Davenport
Jan'y 10/79
Rec'd Jan'y 10/79

New Canton, Tenn., Jan. 9th, 1878.

To

Sup't of U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia;

Dear Sir:

Will
you kindly inform me if you have
any knowledge of any gold pieces
of the value of \$100⁰⁰, having been made
at any of the "private" mints in
California or elsewhere?

Yours, Truly,

W. D. Shaver.

W. D. Shaver
New Canton
Yn.

Jan'y 9. 1879.

Asking if coins
of the value of \$100.
have ever been struck
at the Mint

Recd Jan'y 13/79

Lexington Ky Jan'y 10. 1879

James Pollock

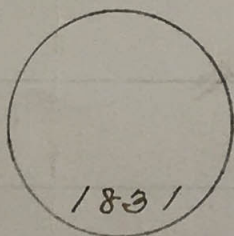
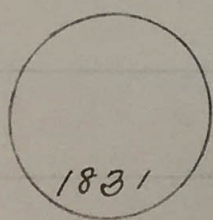
Director U.S. Mint
Phila.

Dear Sir

I write to ascertain, to satisfy some parties who are in dispute concerning the matter, Was there in the year 1831. two issues of ten cent silver coin of the sizes shown below, one party thinks the larger coin has been spread, while another holds that it is a different issue. A reply will be considered as a favor.

Yours truly

N. Wright



W. Bright
Levington N
Jan 10/79

Enquiries if times
of 2 different sizes were
struck in 1831.

Recd Jan 13/79

J. M. BOALT,
Postmaster.

Post Office,

SANDUSKY, O.,

July 10th 1879

Sir

In reply to your favor of the 8th inst I have to say that I wrote you on the 2^d inst, on sending you the small bag of coins, that they were returned to me by the coast U S Steamer at Cincinnati to whom I had sent a considerable quantity for redemption, with the information that these pieces, being franked, were not redeemable by him, but that if I could send them to the mint you would send me their full value for them. My letter seems not to have reached you. I can do nothing with these coins here, and they certainly should be out of circulation. If you can send me their value in something I can realize upon please do so, if you can't do this please return the coin to me.

Yrs copy,

Jno M Boalt, P.M.

Dr. Pollock, Asst.
U S Mint, Philadelphia
Pa.

2164

J. M. Boalt, Esq.,
Sandusky, O.
January 10/79

In reference to a
small bag of punched
silver & pieces, sent
by mail Jan'y 2/79

Recd Jan'y 13/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

January 10th, 1879.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of yesterday, I send you by mail today, a supply of Circulars showing the "standard weight, legal limit of abrasion, and least current weight of United States gold coin."

I am Sir, very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Hon James Pollock

Acting Director

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia Pa.

2157

A. D. W.

R. E. Preston

Jan'y 10/79

Send a supply
of circulars of the
least current weight
of U. S. gold coins.

Rec'd Jan'y 11/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 10, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th instant transmitting statements of "deposits and purchases" and "gold and silver of domestic production" for the month of December, 1878.

Very respectfully
R. C. Poston
Acting Director.

2156

A. D. L.

R. E. Parson

Jan 10/79

Adj. rec't of
~~Circular~~ Statements
of deposits and
purchases, and
domestic production
for December, 1878

Rec'd Jan 11/79

Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in

STOCKS, BONDS & C.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street

New York, Aug 10th 1879

Mr James Pollock

Super Philadelphia

Dear Sir We acknowledge & receive

of your favor of 9th inst

with Enclosure of \$1884³³

on A/c of Treas. Serv. in full

for \$1000 forwarded 7th inst.

Accept our thanks

for your promptness &

believe me Sir,

Yours very respectfully

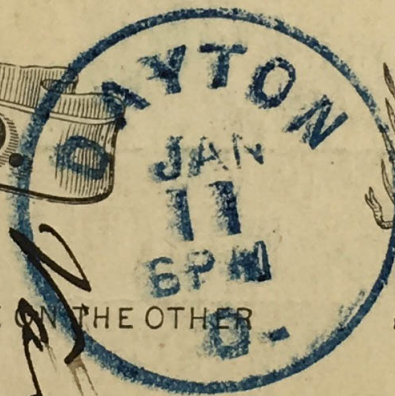
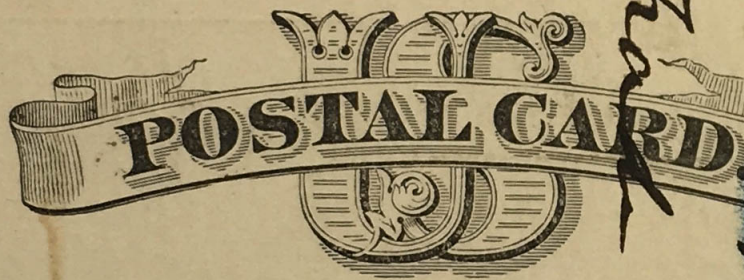
Wm. F. Davenport

Mollen & Davenport
New York
Jan'y 10/79

Rec'd Check in Amt
from U. S. N.Y. for
\$1,884.31 in full for
Silas sent 7th inst.

Rec'd Jan'y 11/79

Recd Jan 13/79



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Manager of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Had Dollars

Value

Jan 13/79

Dayton, Ohio

J. H. Patterson & Co.
2166

Dayton, O.

Jan 11

1879

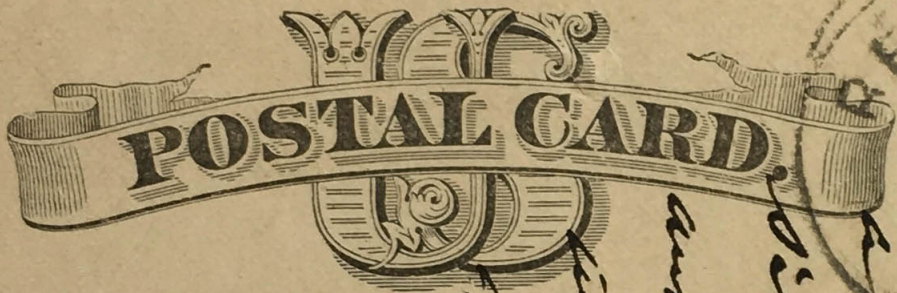
Man. of U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

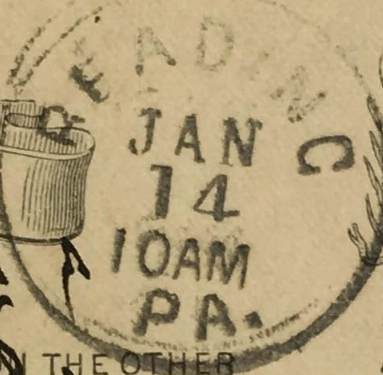
What will you allow
us for Trade dollars by
the hundred?

Yours truly,

S. J. PATTERSON & CO.



POSTAL CARD



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Recd Jan 15/79

Director

United States
Army
Philadelphia
Pa
Jan 13/79

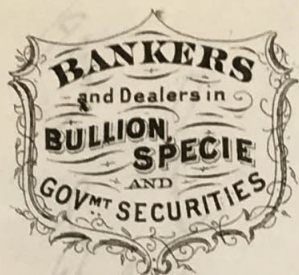
2184
Jan 13/79

Reading Pa May 13. 79

Dear

Sir have this day forwarded you a piece of Silver
Bullion please send value of same in U. S. Currency
in money Order on Reading P. O. or registered
letter and deduct the expence of same and
oblige your Respect

Henry Palmer
No 613 Pine St
Reading Pa



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan 10 1879

Hon^{ble} Jas Pollock
 Capt Unit Phil^a Pa
 Sir

We enclose signed receipt
 for enclosure of ch 7120 63 675¹⁶ 4 far
 of the cash

and send you by Express to day
 of ch late Jan, 2nd @ 108¹⁵ and for return
 as usual of 100 of high silver as per
 memo herewith

10 Bags U.S. Assay	✓	73 948 ⁰⁵	02 ⁵
19 Bars do	✓	13 388 ¹⁵	9
1 Bar "Clear Creek"	✓	1.992	9
991 fine			
		37 928.40	

Very Respy

Handy & Cronise

2159

Hendy & Cronin
New York
Jan'y 10/79

Rec'd check for
\$ 63,625¹⁶ in silver
delivered.

Enclosing invoice for
\$7,928⁴⁰ on silver.

Rec'd Jan'y 11/79

Banking House of **HANDY & CRONISE,**

No. 24 Nassau Street,

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

New York, Jan'y 10. 1879

Received from Silver Shipped U.S. Mint Phila.

of Purchase Jan'y 2nd a 108.95

15 Bars U.S. Assay Bars.

17 Assay Bars

1481.00

22896

(of 998 fine)

1081 60

1415.01

474

1057 35

1413.78

476

1113 45

1489.94

897

1058 25

1482.75

469

1764 15

467

1100 15

1485.39

894

1046 30

1476.24

893

1137 30

1458.85

473

1053 85

1373.41

891

1165 70

1473.95

892

1180 30

1457.22

465

1137 65

1448.58

038 = 998.

13.388 35

1450.78

1459.12

158 1 Bar = 991 = f. 1797 038.

1447.07

21.807.12

1440.93

73.748.05 038 = 999 f.

Jan'y 10. 1879

Lancaster Pa Jan 10/75
U.S. Mint Phila Pa
Gents

Enclosed find
2 Bullion receipt. returned Please
send Silver Coin for the Silver Bullion
and Gold Coin for the Gold Bullion
Send by Express.

Yours truly
Rhoads & Reed

2160,

Rhoads, & Reed
Lancaster Pa
Jan'y 10/79

Returning 1 gold &
1 silver deposit acct,
and requesting amt to
be sent by Express.

Recd Jan'y 11/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

H.S.

Washington, D. C., Jan'y 11, 1879.

Superintendent of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition for stationery, for the 6 mos. ending June 30, 1879, item:— 7 memorandum blocks of yellow paper marked "for special use", I have to inquire as to the necessity existing for that particular paper.

In regard to the items of Ink and Mucilage your attention is called to requirements of enclosed circular, copies of which have been furnished you, that a full year's supply of these articles should be ordered on July requisition, as they cannot be shipped in safety during the winter months.

Very respectfully,

John B. Hurd
Assistant Secretary.

Asst Secretary Treasury
 (Bro. B. Hawley)
 January 11/79

Enquiring the necessity
 for 7 more blocks of
 yellow paper.

Inks & Amalgam
 should not be called for
 in mid winter

Recd Jan 14/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Aug 11th 1879

Hon^{ble} James Pollock
 Supt Mint Phila^{del} Pa
 Sir

We send you this day by the
 Adams & Co as closing our sale to the
 Director of the Mint @ 100⁰⁰ & and for returns
 as usual to Bk NY^Y the following fine
 Silver to wit:

27 Bags U.S. Alloy	40 211	15
12 Bags "Hall"	17 676	35
	57.887	50

Very Respy
 Handy & Cronise

2183

Lang & Bonis
New York
Jan'y 21/79

Towards & Repay
57,887.50 on silver
clout sale @ 108.95

Recd Jan'y 15/79

THE
NATIONAL BANK
OF CHESTER
South Carolina

Chester, S.C. 11 Jan'y 1879

Treasurer United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

There is in circulation in our County a large amount of the new Mexican Silver dollars.

Some of our neighbor banks purchased large amounts of these last season at a discount and then paid them out at par. Our bank determined from the fact of use of these coin to have nothing to do with it. Never having received them or paid them out.

This season we have put into circulation a large amount of the Standard Silver dollars, and this makes the inferior coin not current at this time.

The people being tired of it want us to take it up and have it recoined into Standard dollars so that we will have but one kind in circulation.

What can you allow us for these new Mexican dollars to have them recoined? and what would be the Expense charged on them to you? and what on the new Standard Silver dollars to be returned to us in exchange for these? will you pay charges either way?
Yours very truly
J. L. Harris
Cashier

2177

John L. Harris
Chester

Sb

Jan 11. 1879.

Wants information
about Mexican
dollars

Recd Jan 14. 1879

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 11, 1879.

Sir:

Bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department amounting to \$10.00 for 544 Manila Bags furnished your Mint during the month of October, 1878, has been approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

R. A. Proctor

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Acting Director.

2165.

A.D. 1879

Jan'y 11/79

Bill of Stationary Di-
vision Treasury Dept for
\$10. for 5th man
-outlet tags, approved
and refused for pay-
ment to

Recd Jan'y 13/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, July 18 1879

Wm. James Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint Phila^a Pa
N.Y.

We send you this day a set
of our sale to the Director of the Mint and for
terms, as usual, C/o Bk of West June 25th
as per memo herewith
to wit

1890 U.S. Mint	4944 99
19 May Mint	19814 05

22,062 02

Very Truly

Handy & Cronise

2179

Aug & Son
New York
Jan'y 13/79

Thomas Silver
Drs. 22,063.02

Rec'd Jan'y 14/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Aug 13th 1879

Wm James Pollock
Supt Mint Phila Pa

Wh We have of Jan 11th inst
with enclosure of Ch 7122 for \$5212⁹⁶ 1/2
for which we returned recpt. Signed

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

Handy & Son's
New York
Jan 13/79

Rec'd Check for
\$53.212

Rec'd Jan 14/79

Handy & Son's
New York
Jan 13/79
Rec'd Check for
\$53.212
Handy & Son's
New York
Jan 14/79

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, January 13, 1879.

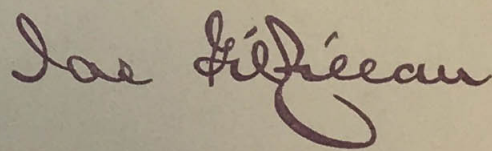
Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Draft No. 6096
 on Treasury Warrant No. 124, for \$25,000—
 payable to the order of yourself as Supt US Mint

and accountable for under the following appropriations, viz:

1879 Sals Mint - at	Philadelphia Pa	1,000
" Wages of Workmen	"	25,000
" Contingent - expenses	"	1,000

Very respectfully,



Treasurer U. S.

James Pollock
 Philadelphia
 Pa

Cashier.

Jan. 15, 1879.

Credited as directed,

2178

Reasner U. S.
(Gipillon)
January 13/79

Transmitting deap
\$25,000. for January
Salaries, wages & expenses

Recd Jan 14/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

January 18th, 1879.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th instant transmitting Certificate of Deposit # 4871. for the sum of Eighty nine (\$89-), dollars on account of assay of ores, Jewelry &c, for the quarter ending Dec 31st 1878, together with the report of the Assayer for the same period.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. A. Preston

Hon James Pollock

Acting Director

Superintendent &c,

Philadelphia Pa.

A. D. C. K.
(R & Kestlin)
January 13/79

Recd C/D for \$89.
for assay of ore, &
for gr. ending
Dec. 31. 1848
Also Assays
Report of the same.

Recd Jan 14/79

Capital, \$100,000.

The National Bank of Union County.

Morganfield, Ky. Jan 14 1879

Director Mint

Phil:

Sir. I have in my possession a Silver Dollar of U.S. coinage 1795. If there is an special value attached to this piece I would open correspondence with any party desiring it.

Respectfully

Geo Huston

2720

Gro. Huston
Morgansfield Ky
Jan. 14/79

Englewood market
Value of U. S. Silver
Dollar 4/17957

Recd Jan'y 20/79

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company **TRANSMITS** and **DELIVERS** messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message.

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This message is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE** and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated *Washn D C Jan 14* 187*9*

Received at

To perit Phila Mint

*Draft mailed you
yesterday*

*R E Preston
Actg Director*

13 Collect 25 GR

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE

S. E. Cor, Broad & Chestnut Sts.,

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

A. D. Lee.

R. R. R. R.

Jan 14/79

Draft mailed
Yesterday

Recd Jan 14/79

P.O. Address
Louis D. Greenwood
PO Box # 1053
Portland
Maine

Portland Maine:

Jan 14th 1879

Director of U.S. Mint
Phila.

Dear Sir:
Will

you kindly inform me
if there has yet been a
proof struck, of the "Gold"
dollar, and if so at
what price one could be
obtained? Also if proofs
of any coins can be
obtained from the mint
at their face value, and if
not, at how much per cent
premium? Regretting the trouble
this may cause you I remain very
sincerely,
Louis D. Greenwood

L.D. Greenwood
Portland, Me.
Jan 14. 1879

Wants proof
"Solid" dollar,
& proof set at par

Recd Jan 16/79

January the 15th 1879

To the Director of the United States Mint, at
Philadelphia, Penn

I beg to say I see by the regulations
of your Department, that you are authorized to
receive and have tested, specimens of Ore, sent to
you for that purpose,

I send you by mail a small
box containing about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of Ore, which I want
you to examine and have tested, and report to me
what it contains I believe it to be gold, but of this
your examination will determine please attend
to it, as soon as you can, and send me your
report My Post office address is Kingsport
Sullivan County Tennessee, send a bill of
your charge for this trouble, and I will remit it
to you by mail Hoping to hear from you shortly
I am Very Respectfully

Andrew Gibson

The mineral is dotted with fine particles of
iron pyrites, which are often mistaken for gold.
It is of no value whatever.

2202
Andrew Gibson
Kingsport

Tenn,
Jan'y 15 1879

Sending one
to the Mint for
examination and
report.

Rec'd Jan'y 17. 1879

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y 15th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U.S. Mint. Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing ^{as an} illustration, a copy of an order received by you from Chicago for \$500 in one cent bronze pieces. In reply I would state that there is every disposition on the part of the Dept. to supply the public demand for such coins.

I will thank you to advise me without delay, what additional amount in your opinion it will be necessary to obtain the authority of

the Secretary of the Treasury to coin
in order to meet the public demand.

Very Respectfully

R. E. Poston

Acting Director

A. D. W.

R. E. Keaton

Jan'y 13/79

Desires to know
 what additional
 amount of 1/4 cts
 should be man-
 - factured to meet
 the public demand.

Rec'd Jan 16/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y. 15th, 1879.*

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U.S. Mint. Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst.
in regard to the crowded condition
of your vaults and asking that
application be made for a trans-
fer of not less than \$500,000 in
standard silver dollars.

In compliance with your request
I have this day requested the Sec'y.
of the Treasury to cause this amount
to be transferred to the U.S. Treasury
at New York.

Under the law we
are compelled to coin at least \$2,000,000

in standard silver dollars, each
month; and owing to the difficul-
-ty experienced in procuring bullion
at reasonable rates for delivery at
the Carson Mint, we have been
compelled to allot the greater por-
-tion of this coinage to the San Fran-
-cisco and Philadelphia Mints.

Very Respectfully,
R. C. Poston
Acting Director

A. D. M.

(R. & P. Co.)

January 15/79

Has applied for
the transfer of 500, ^{4th}
Standard Silver dollars
to the Sub. Treasury at
New York.

Causing pressure
for the coinage in the
Philadelphia Mint.

Recd Jan 16/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Aug 15th 1879

Mr. Wm. Pollock
Capt. Wm. Pollock
Dine/

We have of favor 14th inst
receiving of Ch # 4024 for 21,164⁰⁷ N^o Dally
and

Send you this day an a/c Sale made this P.M.
in Wash^g of 900^m @ 109⁰⁰ to the Wash^g and
for returns as usual 90 Bk of Wash^g the
following fine Lib^{ra} to wit -

13 Bays "Matt"

1930 @ 42

18 Bay 65 or

9 Bay "Clear Ch" 160⁰⁰

2 Bay 800 4

21,365.68

and

have telephed "Pollock" to forward a Lib^{ra} he has
belonging to us.

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

Handy & House
New York
Jan, 15/79

Recd check for
\$21,164.07. and
forwarded 21,365.65
on, on the 15th
Have telegraphed
Balbach to forward
more

Recd Jan 16/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U.S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

We have this day purchased for delivery at your Mint the following amounts of fine silver which you will please receive and pay for at the respective rates named, viz:

- ✓ 200,000 ounces from Handy & Brown @ 109.88¢
- ✓ 50,000 " " J. B. Colgate & Co. 109.80.
- ✓ 25,000 " " J. & W. Seligman & Co. 109.70.
- ✓ 25,000 " " " " " 109.80.

You are authorized to make such approximate payments, pending melt and assay as you may deem safe and proper.

Payment to be made in standard
silver dollars by Draft on New
York.

Very respectfully
R. A. Peckham
Acting Director.

A. D. M.

(R. E. Preston)

January 15. 1879

Purchase of

300,000,000 fine
 silan, from Hardy &
 Leonise, et al. @
 109.70 @ 109.88 ¢
 per oz

Recd Jan 16/79

Indian Territory
Choctaw Nation
Lukfalah

Jan'y. 16th 1779.

Dr. Linderman,

Director of U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Penn.

Dear Sir:

Will

you be so kind as to furnish us the
desired information in regard to
Mexican Dollars.

They are passing, as you are perhaps
aware, in the West here, at from 20 to
25 per Cent. discount, and what we
desire to know is, what arrangement ^{could}
be made at the Mint for reminting
or otherwise disposing of them. If there
be anything to be made at it, we might
be able to purchase a Thousand or
two dollars. We are not fully advised
as to the weight and fineness of these
Coins, but have always understood
that they contained more pure silver
(over)

Than our Standard American Dollars.

We are aware that, at present, the coinage of silver is restricted, but are not advised as to how it is, on private account.

You doubtless Sir, see the point and Object of this Communication.

To sum up and more fully elucidate our point, - we will suppose that we present at the Mint One Thousand Mexican dollars, which cost us \$750.00 or \$800.00 dollars, now, what could we gain by having them reminted, (if such is not prohibited by Law), or exchanged for Standard Silver dollars, or other lawful money of the United States.

Hoping you will be kind enough to favor us with an early response, covering the desired information, we remain Sir, - Your very humble obedient

Servants.
Prigance and Gaffney

2275

Brigance & Gaffney

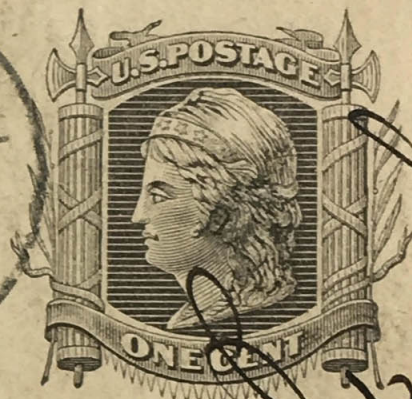
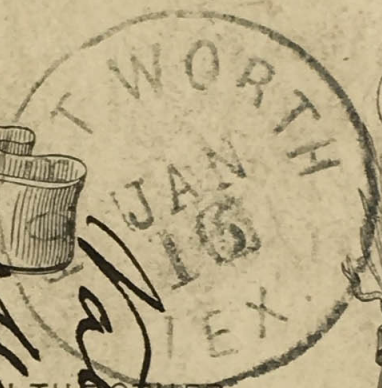
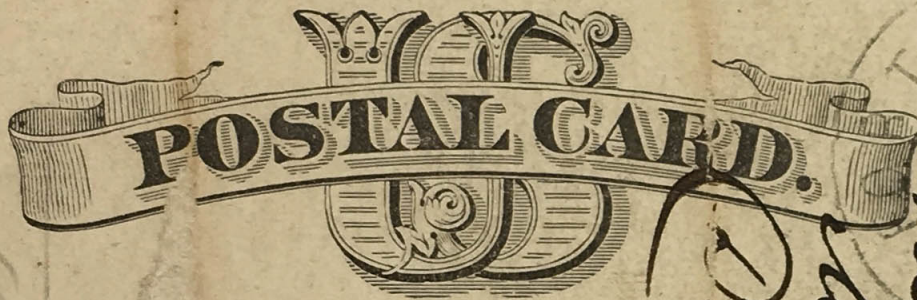
Luckfulah, I. Y.

Jan 16. 1879.

Asking value of

Mexican dollars &c.

Recd Jan 27 1879.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Recd Jan 21/79

Museum of Art

*to Genl.
H. H. North, Depy
Director of the Museum
Philadelphia
Penn*

Jan 25/79

2232

Fort Worth Texas Jan 15/79

Director of Mint

Sir Will you
inform^{me} how many American Stan-
dard dollars 2.50 or 500 Mex-
ican dollars would net. & if I
were to get them coined in Phil-
adelphia could I get an order on
the Sub-treasury of New York for
the amt. net & what the cost
would be. Yours Truly
J. Carb

P.O. Box 160.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y. 15th*, 1879.

*Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.
Sir:*

*Your letter of the 14th inst.
transmitting statement of silver
purchased for the week ending
Jan'y. 11th 1879, has been received.*

*Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.*

A. D. L.
(R. E. Preston)
January 15/79

Recd Statement of
Silver purchased
for the week ending
January 11. 1879.

Recd Jan 16/79

J. S.

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office.

January 16th. 1879.

Hon. James Pollock, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account for Ordinary expenses of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, commencing July 1st. 1878 and ending September 30. 1878 has been adjusted at the Treasury, per First Auditor's Report, No. 212338, and a balance of \$8,123⁸⁵/₁₀₀ found due the United States, agreeing with your Statement.

Very Respectfully,

A. G. Porter,

Comptroller.

2207

First Comptroller, Reading
(A. G. Porter)
January 16/79

Ordinary Expense of
for 3rd quarter 1878
adjusted & found
Correct

Recd Jan'y 17/79

Custom House, Rochester, N. Y.,

Collector's Office,

Jan 16th, 1879.

Sir

I hereby acknowledge the receipt
of Certificate of Deposit No. 233. for
\$146.⁴²/₁₀₀, gold coin. deposited with the asst
Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for \$148.⁵⁰/₁₀₀,
light coin; shipped to the Superintendent
U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for recoinage -
Do

Very respectfully

W. Hall

James Pollock Esq
Supr U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Penna. }

Sp. Rep. Collector

2214.

Custom House, Collector's Office,

ROCHESTER, N. Y.,

January 16, 1879.

D. L. Carter

Collector.

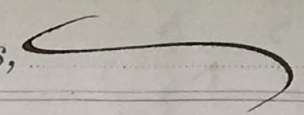
per C. W. Wall

Special Dept

Recd b/d. you

#146 42 val. & light

fold coin received.

No. of Enclosures, 

Recd Jan 18/79



J. Knauber & Co. Milwaukee

THE UNION National Bank OF

AURORA, ILL.

Jan'y 15 1879

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find.

No 459,71 U. S. Treasury D^{rs} \$1,000.

For which please send me same Amt.
of silver dollars by American Express
as per U. S. Sec. Circular & oblige

Yours very Respectfully
H. C. Paddock Prest.

A. C. Paddock, Pres.
Union Nat Bank
Aurora, Ill.
Jan'y 16/79

Enclos'g bearing
interest & paid check
\$1,000. for a like
amount in A.C.
Silver Dollars.

[Check returned for mail
January 20/79.]

Rec'd Jan'y 20/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 16, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a letter from the Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, Chairman House Committee on Coinage &c. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to this Office, requesting that certain gold coins be struck of an alloy patented by Dr. W. W. Hubbell for metric gold coins.

The Secretary desires that the request be granted so far as may be practicable and proper to do so.

I therefore have to request that you will cause one double eagle to be

struck of the alloy as stated in the letter of Mr. Stephens.

As this piece is to be of an alloy other than of United States standard fineness, I do not deem it proper that it should be struck with the present double eagle dies, neither is it advisable to cut entirely new designs.

You will therefore, if practicable, cause the additional letters and numbers, as indicated in the enclosed letter, to be struck into an obverse double eagle die and the motto "Deo Gloria" substituted on the reverse die for "In God we Trust".

You will please transmit the coin together with your account for the metal contained in the same to this Office as soon as practicable.

Very —

Very respectfully
R. C. Huston
Acting Director.

A. D. W.

(R & P. L. W.)

January 16/79

By direction of the
Secy Treasury, a
"gold & metallic Double
Eagle to be struck,
a modified design,
for the Treasury & Repr.
Comm on Coinage

[2 Enclosures]

Jan 2/79 - 3 D.R. sent
by exp.

Recd Jan 16/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan'y 16th 1879

Wm James Pollock
 Supt Mint Phila
 Pa

We send you this day on acct
 of our sale and for proceeds as usual \$10 Bk of
 NY

10 Bags	W & A	998	9212.90
10	Matt	889	15.498.40
2 Bags	W & A	9	3286.63
			27.997 93 02

Very Respy
 Handy & Cronise

Hand & Promise
New York
Jan 16/79

Toward 27,977.93 or
fine silver.

Recd Jan 17/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan'y 16th 1879

Sale of Jan'y 2/79

108.95

1292

1291.80

Walter James Pollock
Capt. Unit Phila & Pa
This

In Memorandum # — of
date Jan'y 16th returns for \$1.994²⁵ or ⁵
there is a stated fine of
93842 on a Clear Creek Bar 1204 ⁰²⁵

This Bar was
stamped 991 fine and the owner is very
much exercised over this great loss.

Will you not have the
kindness to direct a re-assay that there
may be very reasonable assurance of
correctness to the mind of our Principal, —
especially as he has taken chips of the
Bar and submitted them to a skilled
private assayer here

Very Respy

Handy & Cronise

Handy & Son
New York
January 16/79

Asks for the quantity
of "blew break" bag
Jan'y 11/75 - reported to
weigh only 1287 oz,
9'3 8/2 fine. Can't
understand the great
loss.

(Ans Jan'y 20/75)

Rec'd Jan'y 17/79

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, Jan'y 17, 1879.

Hon: James Pollock

Superintendent &c. &c.

Dear Sir

You will please inform Mess^{rs} Handy & Cronise, in reply to theirs of the 16th, that the "Clear Creek bar" was first assayed by the oven, then twice by the humid assay, and thoroughly proved to be 938½ fine. As a further confirmation, the bar has already gone into standard ingots, at that rate, and the melt comes out correct.

It will be well to inform the parties further, that it is for their interest, as well as the expediting of business here, to send bars certainly over 990 fine; I might rather say, up to 998. This will save them the expenses of melting and toughening.

Very respy

W. E. DuBois
assayer

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

18. January, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent

Sir,

I regret to report that silver Invoice of 11th Jan. 79 of Handy & Cronise contained a lot marked N^o 175 (Mint N^o), which was melted, & assayed far below the Invoice fineness. Supposing it to be good enough for making into melts, as all of H. & Cronise's silver is, we mixed it with another bar & clippings, as usual, into a melt of Ingots N^o 7114. Learning from the Assayer that N^o 175 contained lead, &c. we had this melt, of which N^o 175 formed the 3rd part, by weight, rolled by itself.

The result was, as we feared from the assay, that of the 61 Ingots constituting the whole melt, 7 had to be cut up on the 1st break down under the rolls; 21 rolled full length, but 6 of them had to be cut up for brittleness; 15 were fair metal of full length, & 29 had to be cut down

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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.....
Melter and Refiner.

No. of Enclosures,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

Hon. James Pollock
Suptdt

18. Jan., 1879.

down to about $\frac{1}{3}$ their original length. The final result is that of the whole 61 Ingots only 25 were passable, i.e. 41 pr.ct.

You will observe that when we receive silver below 990 (or 996 more advantageously), we are always liable to have embrittling metal among such bars. This kind of metal might have to be refined by acid, in order to fit it for coinage, for it would cost more in time & fluxing and wastage to do it by fire. Would it not be proper to inform Mess. H. & Co. & other Sellers, that where we deem it necessary to refine by acid in order to fit any particular lot or bar for coinage, we shall be obliged to make a charge (or deduction) of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cent pr. ounce for such acid refining, which embraces toughening, altho' Regulations, through a slip of type in printing, say that there must be a charge for toughening in addition to acid refining or parting

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

Hon. James Pollock
Suptdt.

18. Jan. , 1879.

or parting. (p. 6. 7th & 8th lines from bottom). As I had something to do with drawing up those Regulations, by way of suggestion, I remember drawing attention to this error, & stated that by parting, we can most readily toughen metal.

May I further draw attention to p. 7. Regulations, 4th line from top, under Refining, where it says "Silver bullion (for fine bars); there is an undesigned error in using the words "fine bars", which has a technical meaning, those small rectangular blocks of pure silver, used as articles of commerce. When we refine silver by acid, we do it to make fine silver, whether for the commercial fine bar, or to put it into a condition adapted to make good coin. The 2nd part of the ¶. 9th line from top of p. 7. does not conflict with this view, because it refers to metal already tough & good, but simply with an excess of copper, over the U.S. Standard.

Respectfully yours,
J. H. Booth, M. & R.

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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.....
Melter and Refiner.

No. of Enclosures,

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.

BANKERS.

New York 16 1879
J. J. Talbot Esq
Dear Sir: Philadelphia

We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of the

inclosing We ship for

Warren Contracts &

16 Bams

& 5 Kegs

as per Specification enclosed
50.533. - 09 Silver fine

against yesterdays Sales

25000. 03

20000. 9

109

109.

70

50

Yours truly
J. W. Seligman

J. H. Deligman & Co
New York
Jan 16/79

Send by Express
59,533⁰⁹ oz, fine Silver
on 9th Sale of Jan 15,
@ 109.70 + 109.80

Recd Jan 17/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

January 16, 1879.

Sir,

The following Telegram sent you to-day is hereby made Official, viz:

The price to be paid for silver in lots of five thousand ounces and less at your Mint will be at the rate of one hundred nine cents per ounce fine until further notice.

I am, very respectfully,

R. A. Huston
Actg Director.

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Pa.

A.D.M.
(R.R. Preston)
Jan 16/79

Verifying telegram
of the 16th fixing the
purchasing price of
Silver Bullion at the
Mint, in amount not
exceeding 10,000 ounces
@ 109 cents per ounce
fine.

Recd Jan 17/79

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Washington D.C. Jan 16 1879

Received at N. W. Corner 10th and Chestnut Streets.

To Superintendent U. S. Mint
Pha.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

The price to be paid
for silver in lots of
ten thousand ounces and less
at your mint will be
at the rate of one
hundred nine cents per ounce
fine until further notice

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director

4.5 Collect Govt Rate 45c

A.D.W.

(R. E. Rector)

Jan 16/79

(Telegraph)

Fixing the purchasing
price of silver at and
under 10,000 oz., at
109 & per oz. fine

Recd January 16/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y 16th*, 1879.

*Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.
Sir,*

*Your letter of the 15th inst.
relative to striking proof Trade
Dollars has been received and in
reply I would state that there is
no objection to your pursuing
the course suggested.*

*It is our desire to accommodate
the public as far as possible.*

*Very Respectfully,
R. C. Boston
Acting Director.*

2199

A.D.W.
(R.S. Keating)
January 16/79

Approving the
issue of proof
Trade Dollars
as medals.

Recd Jan'y 17/79

THE
NATIONAL BANK
OF CHESTER
South Carolina

Chester, S.C. 17 Jan'y 1879

James Pollock Esq Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 14th inst in reply to my letter of the 11th inst and for the information contained therein please accept my best thanks.

We do not need the Standard Silver dollars before we fall but will then need them. Would you allow us to keep an account with the Mint until that time?

Or will you issue us a Certificate that we can hold until that time or until we need it?

We also have some 3 or 400 dollars of old Mexican Dollars that have been in the hands of a person in this vicinity for fifty or sixty years past.

Would these not yield above par?

We are very anxious to get all of the Silver Coin in the community (except the Standard Coin) out of circulation and think that the course we propose is the best to get clear of them.

I enclose a stamp to pay and
Yours very truly
J. L. Harris
Cashier

2727

J. A. Harris, Esq.
Charles S. C.
January 17/79

Wants to sell his
sections of Mexican and
foreign silver coins.
Can also silver
dollars he obtained
at the mint for his 9c
minted and false

Recd Jan'y 20/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Jan'y 17th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U.S. Mint Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that your Bullion Fund be increased \$500,000 by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver dollars; and that the same be placed to your credit with the Asst. Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Proctor
Acting Director

A. D. M.

(R. R. Boston)

January 17/79

Has requested that
500,000 \$10 Silver Dollars
be placed to Sup'ts
credit, with Asst. Treas.
at New York.

Rec'd Jan 18/79

First National Bank.

Mendota, Ill.

Jan^y 17th 1879

Director of US Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir

Please advise us
by return mail, what you pay for Trade
and Mexican dollars, as bullion, payable in
Draft on Asst US Treasurer. An early
reply will much oblige.
We have about \$400 on hand to sell.

Yours Resp^{ly}
F. Gifford

Y. Gifford
Cashier,

Manassas,

All.

Jan 17. 1879.

Wants information
about Indian
and Mexican dollars.

Recd. Jan 20. 1879

BILLS & YOUNG

DEALERS IN

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Notions,
BOOTS, SHOES, CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, ETC.

Corinth, Miss. Jan 17th 1879.

Superintendent-

Mint of the United States at-

Phila, Penn.

Sir

We write to inquire what sum will
give us for Mexican dollars in stand-
ard dollars or halves. Your answer will
oblige

Yours Respectfully
Bills & Young

2730
Bills & Young
Corinth

Miss

Jan 17. 1879

Want information
about Mexican
dollars.

Recd Jan 20. 1879



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, July 17th 1879

Wm. H. Pollock
Supt. Mt. Pleasant
Wm.

We have of Jan 16th inst
crediting Ch 17129 for 17000 \$ to Dolly for
which we return you the receipts signed
and

forward you

1 Bk "Halt"	9429 ¹⁵ / ₁₀₀
1 Bk "Halt"	3266 ⁶³ / ₁₀₀

12,695.78 and are

disappointed that "Baltach" has not sent you
a lot on our acct on this.

Very Respy

Handy & Cronise

Handy & Bonin
New York
Jan'y 17/79

Recd check for \$17,000.
and forward
12,695.78 on silver

Recd Jan'y 18/79

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 17, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia
Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th instant furnishing estimates of the approximate cost of coining gold and silver for a foreign government.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston
Acting Director.

A. H. M.

(R. S. Weston)

January 17/79

Recd Estimates of
the approximate cost
of coining gold and
silver for foreign
governments

Recd Jan'y 18/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 17, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint, U.S. Philadelphia.
Sir:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to this Office, requesting certain information for the Government of Switzerland relative to the minor coins of the United States and also to be furnished with specimens of U.S. minor coins both new and used, and blanks or planchets prepared for milling and also for stamping.

I have to request that you will transmit to this Office the sample

coins and blanks as requested together with such information relative thereto as you may deem useful or as called for by the letter of the Secretary of State. A copy of the laws relating to the minor coins can be furnished from this Office.

Please return the enclosed letter with your reply.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston
Acting Director.

A.D.M.

(R.V. Bentley)

January 17/79

Requests for Secy of
State, samples of our Minor
Coins, with materials and
cost, for the information
of the Swiss Govern-
ment.

Ans^d with samples &
Report, Feb. 4. 1879.

[1 Enclosure to be
returned.] Copy retained
& filed herein.

Recd Jan 18/79

(Copy)

Department of State

Washington, January 15. 1879.

The Honorable.

John Sherman.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that the Department has received a dispatch from the Charge d'affaires of the United States at Berne, with a communication from the Administration of the Swiss Mint, stating that the Government of Switzerland contemplates a transformation of its base coinage (20 x 10 + 5 centimes) and desiring in view thereof, to procure the laws and regulations of the United States concerning the coinage of equivalent pieces, as well as specimens of our corresponding coins, both new and used, and the blanks or planchets, as prepared for milling or stamping.

The administration of the Swiss Mint also desires any information not contained in the laws or regulations which may be furnished them, concerning the alloys used in such coinage, and also to learn the addresses of some of the copper

and nickel mines which furnish the metals for the fabrication of our base coinage.

Thanking you in advance, for such information and material as you may furnish, in view of this request.

I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your obedient servant
(Signed) G. W. Seward

Acting Secretary

All Official Letters to the Treasurer's Office must be addressed to the "Treasurer of the U. S.," and in replying to Letters from the "Treasurer's Office," the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, January 18, 1879.

Sir:

Enclosed please find Transfer order No 5864, in your favor, on the Treasurer in charge Mint U.S. Denver Col. for \$7,011.¹³/₁₀₀ gold coin, (proceeds of gold bullion forwarded to your Office by registered mail) and of date January 17th 1879.

I will thank you to return the Transfer order, as a voucher for the credit in my "Bullion fund account," when the next transcript of that account is rendered to this Office.

Very respectfully

Samuel H. Jackson
Treasurer U. S.

Superintendent:

Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

2422

Treasurer, U. S.
(Giffillan)
January 1877

Enclosed T. O. 5864.
\$7,011 ¹⁰/₁₀₀ gold bullion
from Denver Mint or
Govt a/c.

Recd Jan 20/77

J. & W. SELIGMAN & Co.

BANKERS.

New York, ¹⁸ Jan 1879

I Collock Cupt
Dear Sir: Washington

We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of the 17
inclosing 44000

Check I D

We enclose receipts
signed by us.

Truly Yours
J. Seligman

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York
January 18/79

Rec'd check for
\$ 44,000. —
1/2 silver sold.

Rec'd Jan 20/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, July 18th 1879

Mr. James Pollock
Capt. Genl. Phila. Pa.
Wm.

We have up from 14th inst with
enclosure of \$71.20 for 25,000 \$5 Dm
and return herewith the recpt, therefor, signed

We send you this
day a set of an sale @ 109⁰⁰ and for
returns, as usual, C/o Bk West River as
per mem. enclosed

9 Bk ⁹ Ratt ⁹	13,536 ⁶⁵
3 Bk ⁹ "USA"	3,739 ¹⁷

16,275.82
Very truly
Handy & Cronise

Handy & Son
New York
January 1879

Recd check for \$25,000.
and Expresses —
16,275.82 ounces
Silver

Recd Jan'y 20/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 18, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U.S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

Messrs Handy & Cronise
will deliver to your Mint as part of
their sale of 200,000 ounces silver bullion,
made on the 15th instant, from 25
to 50 thousand Mexican dollars.

As these dollars are about U.S. stand-
ard fineness and can be put into ingots
without refining, no charge for that
operation will be imposed.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

A.D.M.

(R. S. Keston)

January 18/79

No refining charge
to be made on Mexi-
can dollars from Staud
& Condit.

Recd Jan 20/79

W.H.I.
J.M.

Grand Haven, Mich.

January 20th 1879

Director of U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir!

Will you have the kindness to inform me whether there was a Nickel Cent with an Eagle on the "Avers" coined in 1856, or if the small nickel of 1857 is the first of the kind coined in the United States.

Very respectfully

Wm. T. Page

P.S.

If there should be any of 1856 please let me know how much it will cost to get a good specimen.

C.P.

Chas. Y. Pagelesson
Grand Haven
Mich

Jan'y 20. 1879

Wants information
relative to
1856 nickel

Rec'd Jan'y 23. 1879

THOMPSON & DOYLE,

Dealers in Dry Goods,

GROCERIES, BOOTS AND SHOES.

MEMORANDUM.

To James Pollock, Supt
Mint United States
Philadelphia Pa
In reply to yours
of 6 inst Barrow, Ill., Jan 20 1879

Dear Sir:

I sent you per Reg. Letter to day
the \$41.00 gold that was burned in the
house, very much obliged for your
favor, taking less than the 10% customary.
You can send a draft for the amt. after making
if you prefer.

Yours truly
W A Thompson

Jan'y 27/79, mailed
Supt's own check for \$32.
the amt proceeds, as a
payment accommodation to
W A T.

W. A. Thompson
 Banaw, Ill.
 Jan'y 20/79

Forwards by Regis-
 -tered mail \$41. and
 about U. S. gold coin;
 the net value to be
 returned by draft

I sup't mailed by
 personal check for \$32.
 Jan'y 27/79

Recd Jan'y 23/79

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

33 400t NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Washington Dc 1/20 1879

Received at N. W. Corner 10th and Chestnut Streets.

To

Superintendent Mint

Phila

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Anticipate silver letter five
thirty six for two
thousand standard dollars
to first National Bank Charleston
Illinois

Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.

25 pro Govt
Proabone as ordered Hm

Genl Thompson

Jan 20 1879 For Adams & Co

Treasurer U.S.
(Giesseum)

Jan'y 20/79

(Telegram)

Anticipate ~~For~~
The Silver Letter No.
536, for 2,000 The
Silver Dollars to 1st Nat
Bank, Charlotte, N.C.

Rec'd Jan'y 20/79

PARKER HANDY.



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, July 20th 1879

Honble Jas Pollock
Supt Mint Phila Pa
Wm

We have of Jan 18th inst
enclosing y^r ck 4682 for 17242⁹⁰ Lts
Dtham and

Send you this day a bill of our sale & for
returns as usual & Bk of Exch the following
Lts as per mem: accompanying
to wit

5 Matt Bay 1264 @ 42	7518.40
5 Dutch 1134 @ 42	7729.45
5 Bags Wtassay	8082.92

+ Pollock has paid for our a/ct 13 Bars 13962.30

37-293¹³

Very truly
Handy & Cronise

Handy & Sonise
New York
January 20/79

Recd check for
\$17,242 92
And send to
Refers 37,293.13 020
Silver

Recd Jan'y 21/79

Salisbury Chariton Co
Missouri
Mer Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Will you be so kind
as to Answer a few questions
If I should send you
enough bar Silver to coin
One hundred dollars what would
be coinage If I should
send One thousand dollar enough
to coin One thousand dollars what
would be the coinage charges

Yours Resp
William H. Keays

Wm. H. Hayes
Salisbury, Mass.
(no date)

Inquirer about the
coinage of Silver
Bullion.

Recd Jan 20/79

R. CAMPBELL, President.

(Iowa.)
E. LEACH, V. President.

H. P. BROWNE, Cashier.

First National Bank, OF INDEPENDENCE.

Paid up Capital Stock, \$100,000. Surplus Fund, \$20,000.

Independence, Ia. *June 21st 1879*

James Pollock Esq
Philadelphia
Sr

The 3 bags of tickets
rec^d from you a few days ago were opened
& tallied to-day & one bag is short 38 pieces
\$1.90 This is the 2^d time I have found shortage in
tickets. Before I advised you of it & you said
it could not possibly be short when shipped

In this case I know it is short, and the
seal appears to be in good order, or was until
it was broken to-day

Will you please advise me what you think in
this case:

Yours respectfully
H. P. Browne

2770

A. P. Brown, for
Independence, Iowa
Jan'y 21/79

Reports a shortage
of \$1.90 in a bag
of crickets from the
Mint. The seals in
good order.

The second
case of the kind.

Rec^d Jan'y 25/79

Cameron Melam Co Texas
Jan 21st 1879

U.S. Silver Mint } Gentle Sir
Philadelphia Pa } please let me know
at your earliest convenience what you will
charge me to melt Mexican coin & make
it up in Legal Tender dollars
And let me know as near as you can the
cost of Expressage from Rockdale Texas to
your place (Philadelphia) on packages from
4 to 10 lbs of coin,

And let me know if you can take the coin
after you have made it & buy post office
Money orders with it (at par) & send me
the P.O.M.O.

Also let me if you will buy the Mexican
dollars & if so at what price.

There is a good deal of Mexican coin
in this country now & if I can make
any money for us both by handling it
I would like to do so

Awaiting your answer I
am yours very Truly

F. J. Sisson

3. J. Sisson 2274
Cameron, Texas
Jan. 21/79

Inquiring cost
of remelting &c.
Mexican dollars

Reced Jan'y 27. 1879

Reading Jan^y 25th 79

Sup^t United States Mint

Dear

Sir would you be so kind as
to Mail me back that piece of
Bullion I sent you sorry that my
ignorance of your regulations should
inconvenience so much but if you will
take the trouble you will very much
oblige your Obedient Servant

Hy Palmer

No 613 Pine St

Reading

P a

2249

Henry Palmer
Reading Pa
Jan'y 21/79

Requests return of
small piece of silver
bullet sent by the
Mail Jan'y 13/79

~~Henry Palmer~~
~~Reading Pa~~

Rec'd Jan'y 23/79

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.

BANKERS.

New York, Dec 7 1879
I called upon
Dear Sir:

We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of the 2^d
inclosing check \$5

\$11378.⁰⁰

for which we enclose
receipts signed by us

Very truly
Yours
J. W. Seligman

J. S. W. Seligman & Co
New York

January 21/79

Recd check of \$
11,378⁰⁶ in a/c
Silber sold.

Recd Jan 22/79

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated

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Received at

To

Director of the Mint

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Balbach shipped
seventeenth for
one twenty thousand
two hundred ounces.
at one eight ninety
please send check
today

Moritz Meyer

18 feb

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE

S. E. Cor, Broad & Chestnut 'Sts.,

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

Moritz Meyer
New York
Jan'y 21/79

(Telegram)

Jan'y 17, Baltimore,
N. York, N. J. forwarded
to the Union for his of
24,200 on silver @
108.90. Wants
check to day.

Rec'd Jan'y 21/79

Office of Moritz Meyer,
No. 26 Broad Street,

New York Jan 21 1879

PO. BOX 5329.

Mr Jas Pollock Supr
Philadelphia

Dear Sir!

Your letter of 20th was duly
received and I enclose an invoice
of Silva sent to you for my account
as per enclosed Statement by Miss
Dulbach of Newark being
19 bars 20200⁷⁵ oz a 108⁹²

Respectfully
Meyer

Moritz Meyer
New York
Jan 21/79

Enclosz invoice of
20,200, ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ ozs Silver Inf-
per @ 108 ⁹⁰/₁₀₀

Recd Jan 22/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, July 24th 1879

Hon^{ble} James Pollock
Supt Mint Phila 79
N.Y.

We have of Jan 28th inst
23 727 95 Fed Bull
with CK 4136
for which we return herewith 5 receipts signed

We would not have sent you any "Clean CK" Bars had we supposed they would give you so much trouble and will send you no more on a/ct order to this Ext^{nt}. Your request, in this regard, to us, would have equal respect with orders from Washington.

We have willingly & for a long time been depositing them here in the Assay & but the assay thought they were being saved too heavily and desired us to try the Mint. We had had no complaints from the Assay &.

Very truly

Handy & Cronise

Handy & Condit
New York
January 21/79

Rec'd check for
\$23,727.⁹⁵
Apologizing for
late "Clear Buck" etc.

Rec'd Jan'y 22/79

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 21, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.
Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish this Office with a statement showing, from actual measurement, the height of piles of twenty pieces of each denomination of coin struck at your Mint.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston
Acting Director.

A.D. 1879

(R. E. Keaton)

January 21/79

Request Statement
 from actual measure-
 -ment of the height of
 piles of 20 pieces of
 each of the denominations
 of coin struck at the
 Philadelphia Mint.

Recd Jan 22/79

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

January 28th 1879.

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent
Sir:

In response to the inquiry of
R. E. Preston, Esq. Acting Director of the Mint,
relative to the height of twenty (20) pieces of each
denomination of coin, I have the honor to submit
the following, to-wit.

	Denomination.	Year of Coinage.	Measurement.
Gold	Double Eagles	1878.	1. $\frac{61}{64}$
	Eagles	1878.	1. $\frac{19}{32}$
	$\frac{1}{2}$ Eagle	1879.	1. $\frac{9}{32}$
	Three Dollars	1878.	$\frac{15}{16}$
	$\frac{1}{4}$ Eagle	1879.	1."
	Dollars	1878.	$\frac{21}{32}$

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

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	Denomination.	Year of Coinage.	Measurement.
Silver	Dollars.	1879.	$2 \frac{1}{4}$ "
	Trade Dollars.	1877.	$2 \frac{5}{32}$ "
	$\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar.	1878.	$1 \frac{5}{8}$ "
	$\frac{1}{4}$ Dollar.	1878.	$1 \frac{1}{4}$ "
	Dime.	1878.	1. "
Nickel & Bronze	Five (5¢) Cents.	1879.	$1 \frac{1}{2}$ "
	Three (3¢) Cents.	1879.	$\frac{15}{16}$ "
	One (1¢) Cents.	1879.	$1 \frac{9}{64}$ "

I have the honor, to remain
 Very Respectfully,
 Your Obedt Servant,
 O. C. Peabodyshell.
 Coiner.



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Jan'y 24th 1879

Wm James Pollock
Supt Int Phil^a Pa
N.Y.

We have of Jan'y 21st with
including Ch 7139 for 99 960⁰⁰ No 844
for which we return sept Liquid

and
forward a acct of our last sale & for
returns as usual C^o Bk of New York have
been as per memo: herewith
to wit

5 Bgs 40 assay	73 49 99
11 Bgs Mott	16 755 40
1 Bar Omaha # 6656	1647 25
	<u>25753.14</u>

Vy M. S. P.
Handy & Cronise

Handy & Son
New York
January 22/79

Recd Check for \$2996.⁰⁰
and sent by Express
25,753.¹⁴ 02.
Silver

Recd January 23/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 22, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th instant relative to a base silver bar received from Messrs Handy and Cronise on account of their sale of fine silver January 2, 1879, and have taken such action as will prevent its recurrence in the future.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

A. D. M.

(R. E. Preston)

January 22/79

In reference to
 base Wilson bar from
 Handy & Son's,
 action will be taken
 to prevent its re-
 -currence.

Recd Jan'y 23/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 22, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia

Sir:

We have purchased this day for delivery at your Mint the following amounts of fine silver, which you will please receive and pay for at the respective rates named, viz:

15,000 ounces from Molter & Davenport @ 111.05¢.

15,000 do do do do do 111.15

15,000 do do do do do 111.25

25,000 do do J. & W. Seligman & Co. 111.30

100,000 do do Handy & Cronise 111.30

100,000 do do J. B. Colgate & Co. 111.20

40,000 do do Laidlaw & Co. 110.90

You are hereby authorized to

make such approximate payments
of value, pending melt and assay,
as you may deem safe and proper.

Payment in Standard Silver
dollars by draft on New York.

Very respectfully
R. E. Weston
Acting Director.

A. B. C.

(R. L. Preston)

Jan 22/79

Purchase of 310,000

ozs fine silver from

Moller & Daverport

& 14 others at 110.90

@ 111.30. - Payments

as heretofore

Recd Jan 22/79

U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, Jan 23, 1879.

Sir,

I send you to day, by Adams Express
at the request and for account of T P Clark
Esq Postmaster Auburn \$8⁰⁰ in foreign
and light silver coins.

Very respectfully,

Wm Mott
Asst Treasurer

Wm Mott
James Pollock Esq
Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

6.10

225-9

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

NEW YORK,

Jan'y 23 1879.

Mrs. Hillhouse

Ass't Treasurer.

Send by Express
\$8.02 in light gold
Silver coins, for use of
N. P. Clark P. M.
Auburn, N. Y.

No. of Enclosures —

Recd Jan'y 24/79

Post Office, Auburn, N. Y.

N. P. CLARK,
Postmaster.

January 28th 1879

Sir,

As per instructions I sent \$60# in
3 & 5 ct coin which had been received at
this office for stamps sold, to the Asst
Treasurer of the U.S. at New York. He refused
802 (mutilated). I sent the Treasurers receipt for
\$51.⁹⁸ and wrote the Third Asst Comdr for instructions.
He directed me to request the Treasurer
to send the 802 to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
N. P. Clark PM

Honorable
James Pollock
Superintendent of
the Mint Phila Penn

Recd Jan'y 30/79

The Mint of the United States,

AT

Philadelphia, 4 February, 1879.

	before melting	after melting
Silver Coins	25.6.20	25.6.08

Fine 841 value \$7.00

H. S. Cochran

for Supr.

Post Office, Auburn, N. Y.

N. P. CLARK,
Postmaster.

Jan'y 31" 1879

Sir,

Your favor of Jan'y 30" received.
Please allow me what you can
for the 8⁰² ~~mint~~ ^{mint} coin you possess.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
N. P. Clark Per

Honorable
James Pollock
Superintendent
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Penn

#7 in cune
mailed Feb. 4, 1879

Rec'd Feb. 1/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 21, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia

Sir:

I transmit herewith a communication from Dr. Hubbell, the patentee of an alloy for metric gold coins, requesting that the motto "Deo Gloria" designed to be placed upon the Double Eagle be modified so as to read "Deo Est Gloria". He also furnishes instructions for cleaning planchets before striking.

As there appears to be a disposition on the part of the Committee on Coinage, &c. to gratify Dr. Hubbell so far as may be consistent with law and

regulations, there will be no objection to your causing three pieces to be prepared in accordance with the methods proposed in the enclosed letter.

Very respectfully
R. E. Piston
Acting Director.

A.D.M.
 (R. S. Preston)
 January 21/79

Enclosure^a suggested
 change in motto in pro-
 posed metric Double
 Eagle; and special
 directions from Mr.
 Hubbell for the treatment
 of the pluckings.

(3 sent Feb. 3/79 as per)
 letter of January 16/79

Recd. Jan'y 22/79

A. D. M.
 (R. S. Preston)
 January 21/79

Enclosure^a suggested
 change in motto to pro-
 posed metric Double
 Eagle; and special
 directions from Dr.
 Hubbell for the treatment
 of the placards.

(3 sent Feb. 3/79 as per)
 letter of January 16/79

Recd. Jan. 22/79

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879 / JANUARY (CONT.)

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879 / FEBRUARY

Port Louis La
July 6 1879

Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir.

Please inform us
what you will pay now for Irish and
Mexican Dollars - we taking pay in U. S.
Standard Silver Coin -

Yours Truly
Wm. Watts

Wmson & Watts
Fort Gaines
Ga

Feb 6. 1879

Value of Mex-
ican dollars and
Gold dollars.

Recd Feb 10. 1879

NO. 1809.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb'y 8th 1879

Hon Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

I thank you to inform me at what
rate you take the Mexican Dollars at
the mint? or rather what is the bullion
value thereof.

An early answer will much oblige

Yours Respectfully
W. Q. Dallmeyer

2407

W. L. Salmeyer?
baker?

Jefferson City

Mo
Feb 8. 1879

Asking value
of Mexican dollars
&c.

Recd Feb 12. 1879

San Marcos

Las Feb 6 1879

Dear Sir

We have you here a

great deal of Mexican Coin in circulation and there is a heavy discount on it the people of the country have it to lose the Mexican Dollar piece is passed for eighty cents quarter for 20 Half for forty cents please let us know what it is worth there at the Mint and very much obliged

Daily & Bros

2421
Dailly & Bros
San Marcos
Texas

Feb 6 1879

Asking value
of Mexican dollar.

Recd Feb 14. 1879

Beaver, Beaver, Co Pa July 12/79

Comptroller of the U S Mint)
Philadelphia Pa }

Dear Sir

We have
here some specimens taken from a certain locality
in Beaver Co Pa. which Old California Miners
say is gold ore. Would you have the
kindness to have a specimen fairly tested if
we send it to you, and write us what it
is, and whether you would encourage the sinking
of a shaft in search of precious Metal in said
locality. It is a singular formation of the
hill where this is exposed & the bright Metal is
apparently soft and very different from ordinary
~~iron~~ iron pyrites; - there appears to be plenty of it
in a jet black formation. Yours Truly

John B Young
Beaver Branch Co Pennsylvania.

Geo B. Young
Beaver?
Pa,

Feb 12. 1879.

Asking if he
sent a specimen
of one to the Mint
if he could have
it assayed

Recd Feb 14. 1879

L. W. BROWN, Pres't

H. C. WISWALL, Vice Pres't
A. C. WADSWORTH, Vice Pres't.

W. E. VEITCH, Cash'r

CENTRAL ILLINOIS BANKING
(AND)
Savings Association.

Jacksonville, Ill. Feb 10 1879

Expt. H. S. McIntosh
Phila.
Dreth

I enclose
a "liberty" half dollar which
we consider genuine having
stood all the tests heat
included, but I am puzzled
to know what prevents its
ringing as it shows no flaw.
If genuine please return
& explain why coins loose
the ring of the metal from
which made, when not cracked.

Very respy
[Signature]
Cash'r

light 2½ grs.

2424

W. E. Beitch,

(Cashier.)

Jacksonville

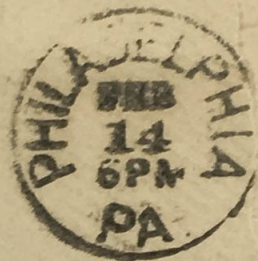
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July 10. 1879

Enclosing silver
Half dollar for
examination.

Recd July 15. 1879

The Mint of the United States,
AT
PHILADELPHIA.



~~Mr. H. P. Williams~~
~~Sweet Water~~
~~Tenn~~

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

Feb'y 14, 1879.

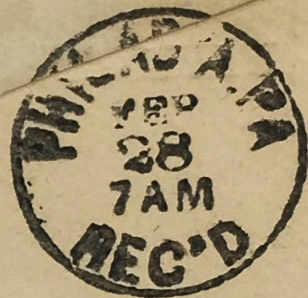
Sir,

Your letter of the 11th inst
has been received.

The sum called for in the
Memorandum sent you was correct,
and the full amount \$149⁵⁵ was
put into the bag on the Cashiers
counter and delivered to the Express
Company. If there was any shrink-
age when the package reached
you, it occurred after it left
the Mint.

Very Respectfully
J. A. B. [Signature]
Sup

Mr. H. P. Williams
Sweet Water
Penn



Sweetest water Green
Feb 11th 1879

To The President of the Fairmont
Philadelphia

Sir I received a package here at
The Express office to day containing
\$144 $\frac{55}{100}$ one hundred forty four $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars
it was opened & counted by the agent
at this place according to the
certificate accompanying the package
There should have been \$149 $\frac{55}{100}$

Respectfully

The Cashier's acct was correct Feb 7. The H. Williams
this was paid The money was put in the Bag by myself
as counter it must have been correct when it left

Thompson

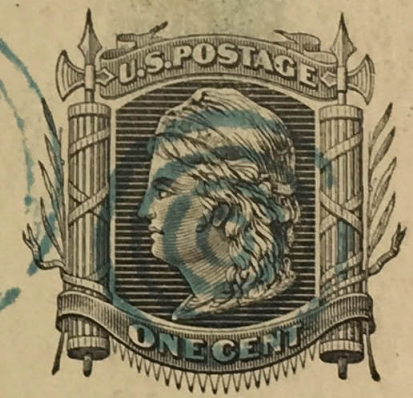
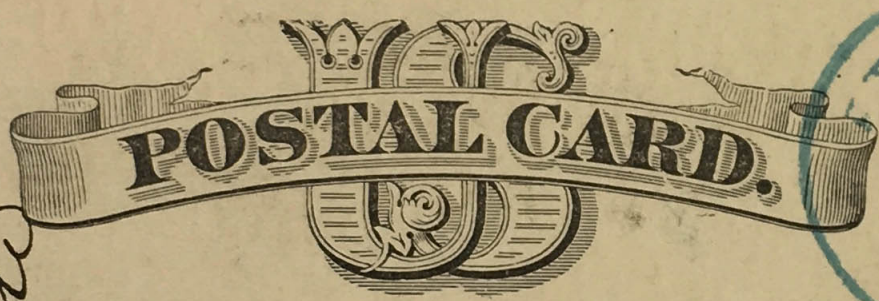
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H. P. Williams
Sweetwater, Tenn.
Feb. 11/79

Repts package
of gold coin for
the stand & S.
Shatt.

Recd Feb 14/79

43
Jacob Wicklow - 44
Lorette



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

S. Wm. Dapt.
Philadelphia
Penn

Reverend Geo 17. 1879

Sir,

Lorettsville, Va.
Loudoun Co., Va.

In Dec, sometime we sent
a box containing a sample
of ore which we considered valuable.
As yet we have heard nothing from
it. Please let us know if you have
rec'd it and examined it, if so please
let us know what the results.
Jacob Stickler & Co.,

Kansas City Grocery and Fruit House.



E. WHYTE & CO.,

Jobbers and Dealers in

Groceries, Provisions, Fruits, Tobaccos,

⌘ CIGARS, WINES AND LIQUORS. ⌘

Kansas City, Mo. Feb 27 1879

Manager of the Mint
Philadelphia—

Dear Sir:—

Do you buy Mexican
dollars? If so, at what price?

Please answer

and oblige

Yours truly
E. A. Bouton

2512
E. White & Co.
Kansas City
Mo

Feb'y 27. 1879

Asking value
of Mexican dollars.

Rec'd March 3. 1879

Beaver Beaver Co Pa

Feb 15/79

Hon James Pollock

Dear Sir

Your answer

has come to hand, and I inclose to you by mail in a small box a specimen of the Ore referred to, hoping you will be able to say what it is without making an analysis of same, and if your reply is encouraging to us to sink a shaft, we will procure better specimens, (upon having an analysis made by you at the expense mentioned), ^{and will then send you the specimens to analyze} The small specimen now sent you is taken from the surface of the ground where it sticks among the black slate.

Very Respectfully Yours

John B Young,

Beaver, Beaver Co Pennsylvania.

Sulphide of iron
no value

2438

John B. Young
Beaver
Pa

Feb 15. 1879

Sending sample
of one for exam-
ination & report.

Recd Feb 18. 1879.

Miscellaneous Letters
Rec'd by
Superintendent

February 1879

{ U. S. MINT SERVICE. }
{ Form 130 A. }

Sir :

Please fu

Mint, viz :

Columbia Feb 1/79

Miss J. F. W. Rhoads
Richmond Va
Gentlemen

Enclosure

you herewith the men
gold Bullion sold thro
you. Please examine the
same and see if the value
of the gold is not very low.
Is it possible that Bullion
is as low as 89 1/2 cents
per dwt.?

I have drawn on you
in favor T. C. Bryan & Co
Baltimore for the net proceeds
of the sub. Bullion

Very Resp
Geo W. Shepherd
L. S.

Geo. N. Shepard
Columbia

Feb 1/79

Recd Feb. 3^d 1879.

Respectfully referred
to Sept 2nd writ. Phila
for book explanation as to
the case per Jones.

Enquiry about the
small returns for a
gold deposit.

Recd Feb 4/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise.

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Feb¹⁴ / 1879

Hon^{ble} James Pollock
Supt Mint Phila^{del} ^{Pa}
Wm /

We enclose receipts signed
for the enclosures of funds 31st ult to wit
of 7155 for 26 560 99
56 4 24000.

and sent you this
day as a/c, as usual the following bal^l to wit

Bal^l Mott 18.661.⁰⁵ 12⁵

for returns C/o Bal^l of Ins^{ur}

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

Handy & Cronin
New York
Feb. 1/79

Rec'd checks for
\$26,560.99
+ \$24,000. —
and forwards Silas
— 025.18,661.05

Rec'd Feb 3/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Feb'y 1st*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.
Sir:

I have this day requested
that your Bullion Fund be increased
\$500,000 by a transfer of that amount
in Standard Silver dollars, and
that the same be placed to your
credit with the Assistant Treasurer
at New York.

Very Respectfully,
Fredk. Eckfeldt.
For Acting Director.

A. D. M.

(per Fredk Eckfeldt)

Feb 1. 1879

Have requested
that Supt. of Bullion
Fund at N.Y. be
increased by 500,000,
std silver dollars, to pay
for silver bullion.

Recd Feb 4/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 2^d, 1879.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st instant,
enclosing the Engineers Log. for the month of January
ultimo.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Wm James Ballock.

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia Pa.

A. D. M.

R. E. Payson

3 Feb. /79

Recd Engineer's
Log for January,
1879.

Recd 4 Feb /79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 3, 1879

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, payable from the appropriation for "Parting & Refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. A. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

A. D. M.

R. & P. M.

3 Feb / 79

\$500. to be
advanced from
appn for party &
Coping: bullion

Recd 4 Feb / 79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 3, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt Mint U. S. Philada.
Sir:

As the Bill to authorize the coinage of metric gold coins has been made a special order for next Friday, I have to request that you will hasten the preparation of the metric double eagles requested by this Office, so far as may be practicable, and transmit the same to this Office.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

*A. D. L.**R. L. Payson**3 Feb. /79*

*Requested to hasten
the preparation of
Melville Double
Sagles, &c*

Recd 4 Feb /79

312 Mulberry St

Syracuse N.Y.

July 2/99

Supt U.S. Mint

Dr Sir

Will you please inform
me what is the value of the
Mexican Dollar and also
if there is any difference in
value of different issues of
the same? By so doing you
will greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully

Daniel C. Hayden

2346

Dani E. Hayden

Syracuse

N.Y.

Feb 3. 1879

Asking value
of Mexican dollar.

Recd Feb 5. 1879



P. O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE
OF
Handy & Cronise,
24 Nassau Street.
New York, Feb 24 1879

Wm James Pollock
Leph Hunt Phila Pa

Wm

We have y^r favor 1st inst with
Memorandum of receipt of Doc Bond for which
please accept our thanks and receive herewith
the mem^o you wish in return.

We send
by Express a set of sale for return, as usual,
Ct Bk of New York
10 Bond Bond Ltr a
as per mem^o herewith

24-108 7502

We have no invoice
of the fineness of these Bonds - nor indeed whether
they have gold in them - but presume they are
"all silver" and about 998 fine

Very truly

Handy & Cronise

Handy & Bonish
New York
Feb. 3/79

Forwards silver
ors. 24, 186. 75

Recd Feb 4/79

The Mint of the United States at Denver,

OFFICE OF THE ASSAYER IN CHARGE,

Denver, Colorado,

July 3^d, 1879

Sir

I have this day mailed to you on Government
account 3 packages #25 to 27. incl. Gold
bullion amounting to \$7,312.⁶⁶ as per
Schedule enclosed. [130.73 ozs]

Recd the above,
Feb. 8. 1879.

A. S. Conner

Very Respectfully
A. S. Conner

Wm. H. Clark

Wm. H. Clark

Dept. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

The Mint of the United States

AT DENVER,

Feb. 3, 1879.

N. Silver

Assayer in Charge.

Subject: *Enclosing Schedule*

of 3 pkgs. \$25 @ 27, inc.

*Gold Bullion by express to
mail in Govt. app.
130.75 ozs. #2312 66*

D.R. #195

Mem. #2306 86

mailed Feb. 12/79

No. of Enclosures, 1

Recd Feb 8/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 3, 1879.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$2,000.00 payable from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879	3,000.00
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Wages of Workmen	"	23,000.00
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Contingent Expenses	"	6,000.00
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I shall endeavor to have your requisition honored as speedily as possible, but the fact that your Ordinary Account for January, which covers probably disbursements almost equal to the amount of your bond, has not reached us, may delay your requisition in

the office of the First Comptroller.

Very respectfully,

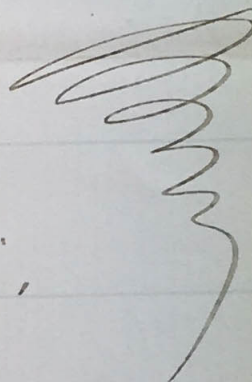
R. A. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. McWhit,

Philadelphia.



A. D. C.

R. S. Payton
— 3 Feb. /79

App's requisition
for ~~January~~ Feb. 1879 - Waiting for
accounts for that month.

Recd 4 Feb /79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *February 3, 1879.*

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S. Philada.
Sir:

I am advised by Messrs. Handy and Cronise that they have shipped a lot of Mexican dollars to your Mint on account of their last sale of fine silver.

You are authorized to receive the same as on previous occasion, without imposing a charge for refining.

Very respectfully

R. A. Preston
Acting Director

A. D. W.

R. S. Pearson

3 Feb. /79

No charge to be
made for receiving
Mexican Dollars
from Henry Cowie

Recd 4 Feb /79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 2^d, 1879.

Sir:

On Saturday the 1st instant, I sent you by mail the following Blank forms called for in your requisition recently made, viz.

For Silver Deposits.

" Gold Deposits.

Certificates of Gold Deposit, and Certificates of Silver Purchase.

By mail today I send you Blank requisitions for fine Gold Bars.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia Pa.

233
A.D.M.

R.S. Berlin

3 Feb/79

Forward by mail
certain blanks, for
gold & silver deposits
& purchases.

Recd 4 Feb/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 9, 1879.

Sir:

The following changes in the force of your Mint, reported in your communication of the 29th ultimo, have been noted on the Official Register of this office, viz:
Miss Christiana Shultz, Adjuster, deceased on the 22nd ultimo.

Park H. Leanes, Laborer, resigned, January 31, 1879.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

A. D. O.

R. V. Parlin
- 3 Feb/79

Recd notice of death of
Miss Christama Schmitz
adjuv. - &
Resignation of Paul
H. Jeanes, Laborer, fuel
dept.

Recd 4 Feb/79

Frankfort, Ind., Feb 3 ⁹ 187

Sir:

I have 213 "trade dollars."

Is there any provision, and at what cost, and how much will they pay out, if so, I could, would or should send them to the mint for redemption? Answer

Respy

W. H. West

2357

W. H. Hart

Frankfort

Ind

Feb 3. 1879

asking value
of Grad. Dollars.

Recd Feb 6. 1879

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *February 4,* 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3^d inst.
notifying this office of the shipment
by Adams Express Company of three
specimens of the Metric Double Eagle
pieces for the House Committee on
Coinage has been received.

The coins have also been delivered by the
Express company.

The amount of the bill of the Coins
will be remitted you in due course of
business.

When the Committee are through
with the pieces they will either be re-

-tained in this office, or returned
to your Mint to be remelted.

I agree with you that such
experimental pieces should not be
suffered to get into private hands.

Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. W.

R. E. Burtin

4 Feb. /79

Rec^d by Express 3 Medals
 D. E. pieces for the
 House Com. in Coinage
 Will be paid for
 After use by Com. will
 be returned to the mint

Rec^d 5 Feb. /79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *July 4th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.
Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. relative to the meeting of the Commissioners to make the annual assay of the reserve gold and silver coins of the mints of the U. S. for 1878, and asking if you shall make the usual arrangements for that occasion. In reply I have to state that you are authorized to make the necessary arrangements to enable the Commission to discharge its duty, and also arrange for

the annual assay dinners during
the sessions of the Commission.

Very Respectfully,

R. E. Piston

Acting Director.

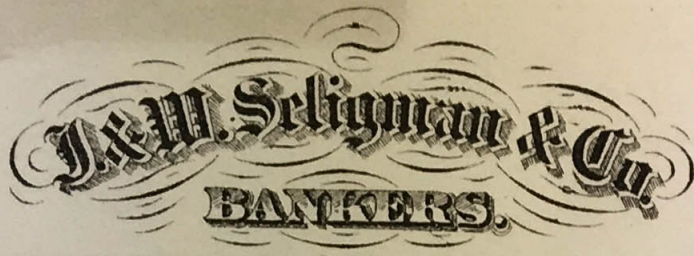
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R. S. B. C. C.

-4 Feb/79

Authorizing the
usual arrangements
for the Annual Meeting
and dinners.

Recd 5 Feb/79



New York, Aug 4 1879

J Talbot Esq
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

Will you
kindly inform us, whether
if we send Mexican dollars
to you against Silver Sales
we may make to the Govern-
ment, whether you make
any charges for melting
or assaying the same.

Believe us
Truly yours
J. & W. Seligman & Co

J & W Deligman & Co
New York

Feb. 4/79

Will there be any amount
Charges for melting &
assaying Mexican
Dollars.

Recd Feb 5/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York. Feb^y 4th 1879

Hon^{ble} James Black
Capt Genl Phila Pa
Wm

We return herewith receipt signed
of favor I wish #7159 for 49,354⁴²

Very Respy

Handy & Cronise

We are disappt^d in that
our Mex^{ca} Dollars did not assay
above 90 1/2
HVC

2347

Handy & Son
New York
Feb 4/79

Recd check of
\$49,354.42

Are disappointed
that their Mexican
dollars did not assay
above 90 1/2.

Recd Feb 5/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 4, 1879.

Sir:

C/S #4897 for \$1029.⁵⁴/₁₀₀, pertaining refining & bar charges, enclosed in your communication of the 3rd inst, has been properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

R. A. Peckton

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

A.D.M.

R. E. Peyton

— 4 Feb / 79

Rec'd 6th 11,029⁵⁴
 on a Party Paper
 & Bm check

Rec'd 5 Feb / 79

J.W. COCHRAN & SON,

GENERAL INSURANCE AGENTS.

Ehrgott & Krebs, Lith. Cin.

Lexington, Ky. Feb 4 1879

Mr Pollock Esq

Supt Philadelphia Pa

Dr Sir

I have on hand

" Silver bar weighing at weighing
 office of San Francisco and stamped by
 J & Kellogg Mint 1156 7/100 of \$998
 fine silver " Which I wish run into Silver
 dollars of present W & Coin " as the bar
 is of finer grade than the current dollar
 Will you please inform me how I shall
 proceed in the premises " So far as the
 alloying is concerned " the value marked
 on the bar is \$1492 - showing it must
 have been valued higher than the value
 1118 7/100 given in your circular " sent me by
 a Mr Porter Post Franklin Pa Co who called
 to see you about buying it " It can be
 sent by Adams Express from here when you
 are heard from if returning to care it up "
 please let me hear from you soon
 Very truly
 Wm Cochran

How will you exchange current
dollar for the bar if it proves
as described

W.C.

2364

J.W. Lockman
Lexington Ky
Feb 4/79

Enquirer about con-
verting a silver bar
into coin, & the terms.

Recd Feb. 7/79

Baldwyn Miss.

Feby 5th 1879

Supt U.S. Mint

D^r Sir,

At what
price will you take Mexican Silver
dollars? (as Bullion, or otherwise?)
~~As they~~ are dull with us here.

Want to express you some if price
will justify it. Please answer & oblige

Truly Yours,
J. F. Jones

J. L. Jones.

Baldwyn

Miss

Feb 5. 1879

Asking value
of Mexican dollars.

Recd Feb 8. 1879.

Blank No. 1

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated

Washn

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Received at

To

Supt of Mint

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Anticipate transfer
order fifty nine
thousand two for fifty
(50,000) thousand dollars
Gold Coin to assistant
Treasurer in Cincinnati
Jas Gillilan
Treasurer of

2020 Received Phil Feb 5, 1879
Fifty thousand dollars in Gold for
Shipment as above
Jas Gillilan
for Geo Thompson

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE

S. E. Cor, Broad & Chestnut Sts.,

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

Ream, Mr. U.S.
 Gilman
 Feb. 5/79

Telegram

Anticipate T. O.
 No. 3902 for \$50,000,
 gold coin for Asst
 Ream, U.S. at Cincinnati

Recd Feb 5/79

JAMES BUELL, PRESIDENT,
E. H. PERKINS, JR., CASHIER,

EDWARD TOWNSEND, ASST. CASHIER.
GEO. VAN DERWERKER, ASST. CASHIER.

T. L. #625

THE
Importers' & Traders' National Bank
OF NEW YORK.

New York, July 5 1879

Hon Superintendent of ex. Mnt,
Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Sir

WE have received
a box of silver coin said
to contain \$996⁹⁰, and
marked as coming from
the U. S. Mint^{at} Philadelphia.

As we have no advice in
regard to it, please ^{notify}
us for whose account
the silver is forwarded.

Very respectfully
E. H. Perkins, Jr. Cas
Per C. H. Perkins

EDWARD TOWNSEND, Asst. Cashier.
GEO. VAN DERWERKER, Asst. Cashier.

JAMES HUELL, President.
E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

National Bank

THE
E. H. Perkins, Jr.
Importers & Traders
National Bank
New York

Feb 5 1879

Feb 5/79

Enquirer why a
bag of Standard
Silken Cotton (996⁹⁰)
was sent them

Recd Feb 6/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, 7th Apr 5th 1879

Wm James Pollock
Supt Mint Phil^a
D^r

We return herewith signed
the receipt of \$706.1 for 2553A Gold Dollars your
favor 4th inst

and find you this day by
Express for returns as usual 90 Bk of Insp^d
and an acct of our sale to the Ex^{ch} the
following price given to us

9 Bags US Alloy	3058.39
15 Bars of Louis	19767.75
14 Black Hawk	19853.50
24 Bars + 1 Bag	
Malt	33916.75
	76594.29
	02 ⁵

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

Stand & Cronin
New York
Dec. 5/79

Rec'd Check of

#25,338. —

And forwards Silver

ozs. 76,594.39

Rec'd Feb 6/79

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes and signatures in the right margin, possibly including names like "Cronin" and "Stand"]

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *July 5th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

It will be necessary for
you to coin at your mint during
the current month, from 850,000
to 900,000 standard silver dollars.

Very Respectfully,
R. A. Preston
Acting Director.

A. Dale.

R S Benton
— 5 Feb/79

Mus & Coin \$50,000
@ 900,000 Standard
Silver Dollars during
February 1879.

Rec'd 6 Feb/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 5, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia

Sir:

We have this day purchased from Messrs. Handy & Cronise, for delivery at your Mint, 100,000 ounces fine silver, which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of 109.78 cents per ounce fine, in Standard silver dollars by draft on New York.

You are authorized to make such approximate payment of value, pending melt and assay, as you may deem safe and proper.

Very -

Very respectfully
R E Preston
Acting Director.

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A. D. W.

R. E. Benton

— 5 Feb. /79

Bought 100,000 oz.
fine silver per Handy
& Conise @ 109.78¢
payable in usual

Recd 6 Feb /79

WILLIAM P. CANNON,
JOSEPH G. CANNON,
Partners under style of

THOMAS S. PARKS, Cashier.

VERMILION COUNTY BANK,

Danville, Ill. Feb 6th 1879

Manager U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Are you purchasing Mexican
Dollars - If so what are they worth
as compared with other silver

Very Respy
T. S. Parks

Thos. S. Parks.
(Cashier)
Danville,
Ill

Feb 6. 1879.

Asking value
of Mexican dollars.

Rec'd Feb 10. 1879

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Feb'y 6, 1879.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Draft No. 6338

on Treasury Warrant No. 363, for \$ 32,500⁰⁰

payable to the order of yourself as Supdt. U.S. Mint—

and accountable for under the following appropriations, viz:

1879 Sal^y Mint at Philadelphia Pa

3 000

" Wages of Workmen

do

23 000

" Contingent Expenses

do

6 000

Paying & Refining Bullion

500

Very respectfully,

Dae H. Fiske

Treasurer U. S.

James Perlock

Philadelphia

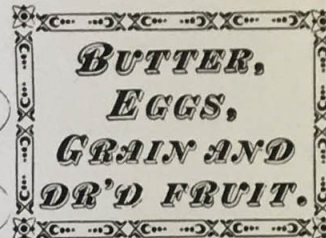
Pa

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Reasner U.S.
(Gilliam)
Washington
Feb 6/79

Transmitly draft
\$ 32,500, for Salaries,
Wages & incidentals
& defraying for
February 1879

Recd Feb. 7/79



CENTRAL MERCHANDISE,

Mount Horeb, Tenn., *Feb 6^m*, 1879

Supt. Mint

Dear Sir:

I have some Mexican Silver which I desire to have re-coined. Please let me know what I have to pay for Coining, also, what it will make ^{in American dollars} to the pound.

Very respectfully

J. J. Coile

23.76

J. J. Bail.

Mt Horeb

Yenn

Feb 6. 1879

Asking value
of Mexican dollars.

Recd Feb 8. 1879.



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, May 6. 1879

Hon. Jas Pollock
Supt Mint Phila. Pa.
Dear Sir,

We send you by express on a/c
of sale for returns, at usual, 90 PR New York.
18 Bars Silver

as per memo. herewith	17 Platt Bks. 75.	17794.30
	6 St Louis " "	8691.50

Handy & Cronise
\$ 25985.80

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Handy & Son
New York
Feb 6/79

Forwarded & Silver
25,985.80

Recd Feb 7/79

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Feby. 6th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.
Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst.
enclosing statement of silver
purchased for the week ending
February 1st 1879, has been received.

Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. M.
 R. R. Boston
 - 6 Feb / 79

Rec'd Statement
 of Silver purchased
 for week ending
 Feb 1. 1879

Rec'd 7 Feb / 79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

February, 6, 1879.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts for
the month of January, 1879.

Very respectfully,
R. A. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

A. D. M.

R & B. L. M.
- 6 Feb / 79

Recd Ordinary
Repin. Report 4/1
Jan 1879

Recd 7 Feb / 79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 6, 1879.

Sir:

The increase in the compensation of Saml. B. Brewster, Workman in the Assay Department of your Mint, from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per diem, submitted in your communication of the 4th inst., is hereby approved to take effect January 1, 1879.

Very respectfully,
R. A. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

A. D. K.
 R. E. Berlin
 - 6 Feb / 79

Approving ~~of~~
 increase of Compensation
 to Samuel B.
 Brewster to Kansas
 Assay Dept, from \$2.
 to \$2.50 per diem
 from 1 Jan'y 1879

Recd 7 Feb / 79

Lebanon, Pa., _____ 187

Esq., Cashier:

Dear Sir:== Your favor of the _____ inst., with enclosure
has been received. Please receive herewith: Feb. 7/79.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Director U. S. Mint.
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have heard parties
having Trade Dollars, assert that the Mint
would allow only 85¢ a piece for them.

My impression is that the Mint allows
90¢.

Will you please furnish me with correct
information on the subject. & oblige

Very respectfully

James M. Gossler.
Teller.

Jas. M. Gossler

Lebanon

Pa

Feby 7. 1879

Asking value
of Grad Dollars.

Rec'd Feby 8. 1879

Pittsburgh July 7/79
Supt. Phila Mint

Dear Sir

If not too much trouble would
you be kind enough to inform
me, if there was ever a copper
cent answering the enclosed
description, struck by a
United States Mint. for general
circulation

I could not print the letters
"United States of America" very
well - so I put it in writing

An answer at your convenience
would oblige

Yours Respectfully
S. H. Watson & Co

Print Breeze
Pittsburgh

2390

S. H. Watson Esq
Pittsburgh
Pa

Feb 7. 1879.

Enclosing a
drawing of the
Cent of 1794. &
asking information
thereon.

Recd Feb 10. 1879

All Official Letters to the Treasurer's Office must be addressed to the "Treasurer of the U. S.," and in replying to Letters from the "Treasurer's Office," the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

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Treasury of the United States,

Washington, February 7, 1879.

Sir:

I forward this day to your address by Reg. Mail \$18.⁶³ in mutilated silver pieces, the bullion value of which I will thank you to ascertain, and deposit with the Asst. Treas. U. S. in your city, in transfer account advising this office.

Very respectfully,

Samuel H. Freeman

Treasurer U. S.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

6/D No. 1990 for \$15³⁰ mailed Feb 14/79

Treasurer U.S.
 (Gilesman)
 Washington D.C.
 Feb 7/79

Forwarding by
 Reg to Genl Mail \$18.63
 mutilated silver pieces.
 Bullion value to be as-
 -certained & deposited

Recd Feb. 8/79

No. 66, MEMORANDUM OF SILVER BULLION PURCHASED BY THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
 at Philadelphia, the 10th day of Feb'y, 1879, from Geo B Thompson
Ag't Adams Express Co.

DESCRIPTION OF BULLION.	WEIGHT.				FINENESS.	STANDARD WEIGHT.		NET VALUE, @ \$124 ⁴ / ₁₀₀ per oz. st'd w't. 1 0 0	
	BEFORE MELTING.		AFTER MELTING.			Ounces.	Dec.	Dollars.	Cents.
	Ounces.	Dec.	Ounces.	Dec.					
US Coin	14	10	14	10	785	12	30	15	30
3 ^d Pieces Treasurer of U.S.									
Total Value \$18.63									

NOTE.—This memorandum is for the information of the Depositor, and of no other value.

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I CERTIFY that the net amount of the above Purchase is Fifteen ³⁰/₁₀₀
 Dollars, payable only on presentation of the receipt of a corresponding date and number issued.

In Gold Coin, \$
 " Silver Coin, \$ 15.30
 " Gold Bars, \$

James Pollock
 Superintendent of the Mint.
 By Jas. Baldwin

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

April 9th 1879

The Superintendent of the Mint
To the Coiner Dr

To one (1) Set Silver (less the dollar) & bronze coin	}	1.88
To one (1) " " " " " " " " Planchets		
" one (1) dollar Planchet		1.00
		\$ 2.88

Received Payment

O. B. Bobbshell

Coiner.

144.
Philadelphia
April 9th, 1879.

O. S. Besbyshell,
Coiner

receipt for \$2.88, silver
& bronze coins & planchets
Coins sent by Express
April 10th, 1879, to Hon. W.
Hunter, State Department,
Washington, D.C., according
to request of Mr. Hunter in letter
of April 8th, 1879.

Correspondence begins March
4th, upon application of Paul
Möller, Hamburg, Feb. 7th, 1879.

Rec^d April 10th, 1879.

Unofficial

Department of State
Washington.

8th April, 1879.

To London Snowden Esq.,
Superintendent of the
Mint, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir, I believe I
informed you that
I had written to Mr
Müller at Hamburg
for more explicit
information as to his
wishes for samples
of United States coins.
It is to be feared, however,
however, that I may

Not have been made ^{definite}
in explaining what I
wanted than he was
in his original request.
In a letter of the 24th
alt. just received,
he merely says, 'The
silver coins already
issued, except dollar
pieces, are to be melted
over.' If by combining
this with his original
letter you can fairly make
out his desires, please
send the result to
Dear Sir

Yours very obed^t serv^t,
W. F. Hunter.

Unofficial.

Department of State
Washington.

13th March, 1879.

To A. Lowden Snowden,
Superintendent of the
Mint, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir.. I have received
your letter of yesterday.
It refers to a previous
one, which has not
reached me.

The same obscurity as
to Mr Müller's wishes
in regard to coins, to
which you advert, occurred
to me when I first got
his letter, and I so

informed him at once.
Some time may elapse
before he can again be
heard from, and perhaps
it may be best to wait
until I can apprise him
of your doubts as to
his meaning and get
his reply. Thanking you
for your attention to
the matter so far, I
am, Dear Sir,

Your very obedient servant,
W. H. Miller,
Second Assistant Secy.

Unofficial.

Department of State
Washington.

4th March, 1879.

To Colonel A. S. Snowden,
Superintendent of the
Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir: I take the liberty to return
a letter addressed to me
by the worthy Deputy Consul
of the United States at
Hamburg, Paul Möller
Esquire, which has already
been before your office,
as referred thereto by the
Treasury Department.
I ask for certain silver
copper and nickel
coins which I will
thank you to cause

to be forwarded to me by
Express for Mr Moller.
I would defraying any
expense which the request
may occasion. I enclose
a five dollar note and
am, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

W. Hunter,

Second Assistant Secretary.



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No. 113. Oct. 1879

Möller Paul

Hamburg Germany

Feb 7. 74

Letter to State Depart

Asking for samples of

Silver nickel & copper

Coin of recent issues -

Mr Gelfellow,
Mr Hunter wishes to
know if the wishes of the
writer of this letter can be
gratified. Very respy
R D Morgan

Office Treasurer, Met.
Feb. 27. 1879.

Respectfully referred to the
Director of the Mint, and
Secretary of State, Hunter,
so advised.

J. A. Sedgwick
FEB 27 1879
RECEIVED

Recd 26 Feb.

Hamburg, Feby. 7th 1879.



Hon. W. Hunter

Dep^t of State

Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:

A friend of mine in this City, who is a Collector of Coins, has requested me to endeavor my utmost to obtain ~~each~~ samples of all the new coins which are now being coined at the U. S. Mint at Washington. What he desires, is, Coins that are not yet "milled" but only in silver, nickel & copper, no gold coins. Also specimens (one of each) of all the new coins already issued, except one Dollar pieces. If it is not too much trouble for you, I would thank you very much for obtaining for me the desired coins & sending them to me in the ~~Drop~~ bag. Upon receipt, I will remit you your disbursements.

Thanking you beforehand, and begging you to excuse the trouble my request may give you,

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very truly
Paul Mollen



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Feb 14th 1879

Wm James Pollock
Supt Mint Phila Pa
N.Y.

We have of favor of the inst enclosing
your check #9163 for 70,000 \$^{ts} Dolly for which we
return herewith receipts ~~herewith~~ signed with thanks for amt
advanced

and send you this day - as per Memo:
enclosed - and as enclosing sale @ 110 ^{cts} -
for returns, as usual, C/o Bk N.Y.
to wit

I have made all this
I do St Louis } 13,398 ¹⁵/₁₀₀

Judging from a letter recd
from the Acting Director of the Mint to day (as to no further
present purchases for of Mint) that you may close
up shortly for an accounting and having 50,000 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀
in with "Ballack" with instructions to send to
you - we will thank you to inform us whether

We may safely send you any day (until we have
closed our last sale of 100th or so) and rely upon
getting ^{an advance on the} final return, in the usual time - or, if you
will try a day - after which you will not receive
any deposit, until you open again for business -

Very truly

Wm. H. Smith

Wm. H. Smith

Feb 7/79

Feb 7/79

Best Check of

\$70000.

with forward advice

on 1/3, 328. 15

Dec 8 7148/79

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *February 7,* 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

*I will thank you to furnish
this office with the names of the
parties in your city who manu-
-facture Copper Containers used in the
Mint.*

*Very Respectfully,
R. A. Easton
Acting Director.*

A. D. W.

R. S. Pay, Jr.

Feb 7/79

Wants names of
Manufacturers of
Copper Canisters

Recd Feb 8/79

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

February 8th 1879

Hon James B. Black
Superintendent
Sir

In response to the request of R. B. Preston Esq, Acting Director of the Mint, desiring the names of the parties who manufacture Copper canisters used in the mint, I have the honor to submit the following names, Mess Joseph Oat & Sons No 232 & 234 Quay St, and Mess Geo Megee & Sons No 307 Branch St, both of this city.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
O. B. Postyshell
Coiner

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Feb. 7th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Treas-
-ury draft No. 6328 in favor of
R. A. McClure, for \$46 - issued in
payment of his account for one set
of gold, silver and minor coins
of the current calendar year,
furnished the cabinet of your mint.

Very Respectfully,
R. A. Preston
Acting Director.

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A. D. M.

R. V. Preston

Feb 7/79

Enclosed Treas' a/c
for \$46. to order of R.
A. McClure for pay
set 1879 for Mint
bureau,

Recd Feb 8/79



P. O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, 4th 8th 1879

Wm James Pollock
Supt U.S. Mint
Philad^a

We have of favor of the U.S. Mint
including of Ch # 7064 for 25000 \$50 Dollars
and return herewith of receipt, therefore signed

By Express we send
you a set of our last sale @ 109⁷/₈ and for
which will thank you to send us of Ch
as usual for Bk with

2 Bars of St. Louis	3298 ¹⁵ / ₁₀₀ 02 ¹ / ₂
7 " of St. Louis	10643 ⁷⁵ / ₁₀₀ 4
and	13,471.90

would you to day asking the favor of y telephg us
y well result in buying 1 fine oz of St. Louis
Assay #5517 @ 35 as these bars having been, under
another Assay, previously treated at the assay office
in abt 5 days. We were most anxious to do as well
for them in our disposition of them as to time -
especially as the market is a falling one, & E

wished to give them the benefit of to days rates - and
have your telegraphic form in reply - will be obliged
by your giving us this information on Monday, if you
can in regular and usual form by mail - Need
not telegraph it as we have already made a note
to our Envoys depending on your return.

Very truly

Henry & Co.

Henry & Co.

New York

Dec 8/79

Rec'd check for

\$23,000. -

which remains due

Dec 13, 871.90

Dec 8 79 10/79

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

New York

1879

Received at N. W. Corner 10th and Chestnut Streets.

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To

Hon James Pollock Supr
Pha Minn

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

You will greatly oblige us
by telegraphing about two o'clock
today your fineness of Bars
& nett result in fine
ounces of our shipment
thrid inst. Eighteen Bars Saint
Company numbered fifty five
seventeen to thirty five hundred

Hardy & Croenik
38 Paid to ps

Nandy & Son
New York
Feb 8/79
(Telegram)

Wants telegram &
2 Pm today 7 Pm
I sent in fine M. 7/18
Van shipped Feb 3.

Re 7 Feb 8/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

February 8th, 1879.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th instant,
enclosing a statement of Gold and Silver of domestic production
deposited. Deposits and purchases of Gold & Silver Bullion,
and Bars manufactured during the month of January ultimo.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. A. Preston

Hon James Pollock

Acting Director.

Superintendent of,

Philadelphia Pa.

A. D. M.

R. E. Peyton

Feb 8/79

Adj' acct of
 Statements Gold &
 Silver deposits to
 January 1879.

Rec'd Feb 10/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Febry. 8th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith
draft on the Asst. Treasurer in
your city, for \$400 in payment
for the Three Gold Metric Double
Eagles, forwarded by you to this
office a few days since.

Please acknowledge receipt of the same.

Very Respectfully,
R. A. Proctor

Acting Director.

Recd the above draft
Feb 10. 1879.

O. B. Babymell
Clerk

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A. D. L.

A. S. Payne

Feb 8/79

Inclusing Treaty
draft #60. for 3
solid matter Double
Pages.

Recd Feb 10/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 8, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.
Sir:

The following named gentlemen have been designated by the President to act as Commissioners at the Annual Assay at your Mint February 12, 1879.

A. L. Snowden, Post Master, Phila.
Prof. R. E. Rogers Philadelphia.
Prof. J. E. Hilgard, Coast Survey
Prof. P. W. Sheaffer, Pottsville, Pa.
Hon. Willard Warner, Secumseh, Ala.
Prof. Thos. Donaldson, Washington D.C.
Prof. J. W. Clarke, Cincinnati University
Prof. Geo. A. Smyth, Vermont University

Hon. Carroll C. Smith, Syracuse N. Y.

Prof. I. A. Lattimore, University of Rochester.

Prof. W. A. Chandler, Lehigh University

Hon. Jno. B. Haskins, New York City

The delay in officially notifying you of the names of the Commissioners was owing to the fact that appointments have been made in the place of original appointees who declined to serve on the Commission.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. W.

R. E. Peckham

Feb 8/79

Transmitting names
of Assay Commissioners
for 1879.

Ret Feb 10/79

\$21 per \$1000 - No reference was made
to the Adams Co. and they must
look to Wells, Fargo & Co. for
their compensation.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston
Acting Director.

2384

Adm

R. E. Peyton

Feb 8/79

Adams Express Co.

must look to Wells,

Fargo & Co for their pro-

-portion of freight on

gold bullion from

Helena, Montana.

Recd Feb 10/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 8, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th instant, transmitting a communication addressed to you by Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, Supt. of Mint Dept. of Adams Express Co. relative to charges to be paid at your Mint upon bullion shipped to you from the Assay Office at Helena on Government account.

I have to state for your information that a special agreement was made with Wells, Fargo & Co. to transport gold bullion from Helena to Philadelphia at the rate of

Lafayette College
Easton. Feb. 10 1879

Dear Sir:

Be kind enough
to inform me whether in
your collections there ~~is~~ ^{are}
specimens of the old ante-
revolutionary or revolutionary
"Bills-of-Credit", or of those
issued by any of the thir-
teen original States. If you
do not have them, can you
tell me where they are to be
found?

Yours Respy
A. Ballard
Prof. ^{Gen.} H. Lab.

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Prof. A. Ballard
Easton, Pa.,
Feb. 10/79

Inquiry for old
Continental Army
- "Bills of Credit"

Recd Feb 11/79

George Murray Guion.

Brooklyn N. Y.
Feb 10th 1879

Hon Jas. Pollock

Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Will you have the kindness to send me by mail, one of the new pattern Gold Dollars - I enclose \$2.

Very truly yours
Geo H Guion

Geo. M. Guion

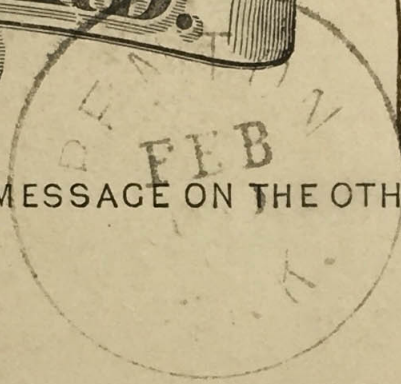
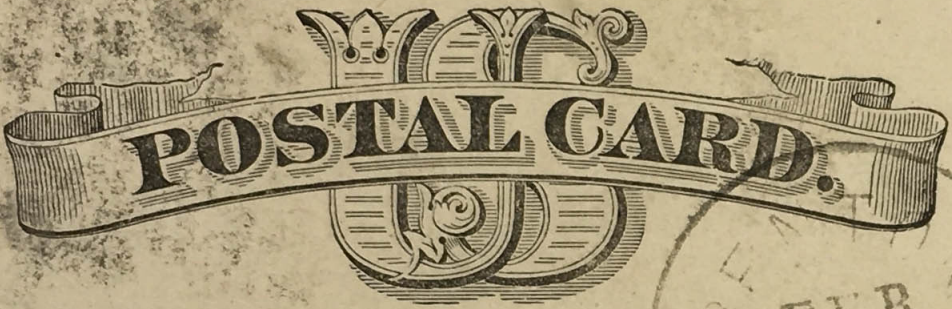
Seneca Falls

N.Y.

Feb 10. 1879

Ordering "gold"
 dollars, & enclosing
 \$2. U. S. note.

Recd Feb 12. 1879



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Received Feb 14. 1879

value of My
calls to

For The United States Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Bentley
Feb 10 1879

Lat. L. Brindle 2422

Benton, Saline Co Arkansas, Feb 10th/879.

What is the mint paying now for Mexican silver?
in dollars, halves, and quarters? Please answer by
card at once, as I have several hundred dollars I
wish to dispose of.

Respectfully yours
Geo C. Brock.

Minneapolis July 10/79.
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.
Sir.

What do you give
for the trade dollar if sent to you by
mail or Express?

Please answer & oblige

Respectfully

Paddy Whitaker.

Pabody & Whitaker
Minneapolis
Minn

Feb 10. 1879

asking value
of Trade dollars
to

Recd Feb 13. 1879

No. 71. MEMORANDUM OF SILVER BULLION PURCHASED BY THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
 at Philadelphia, the 12th day of Feb'y, 1879, from Geo. C. Thompson
agt Adams Express (a)

DESCRIPTION OF BULLION.	WEIGHT.				FINENESS.	STANDARD WEIGHT.		NET VALUE, @ \$1 244 ²⁴⁷ per oz. st'd w't. 100	
	BEFORE MELTING.		AFTER MELTING.			Ounces.	Dec.	Dollars.	Cents.
	Ounces.	Dec.	Ounces.	Dec.					
U.S. Coin	11	05	10	90	886	10	73	13	35
Half Dollars									
Treas'r of U.S.									
Sale Value \$14.19									

NOTE.—This memorandum is for the information of the Depositor, and of no other value.

I CERTIFY that the net amount of the above Purchase is Thirteen 35/100
 Dollars, payable only on presentation of the receipt of a corresponding date and number issued.

In Gold Coin, \$
 " Silver Coin, \$ 13.35
 " Gold Bars, \$

By

James Pollock
 Superintendent of the Mint.

Jan Baldwin

All Official Letters to the Treasurer's Office must be addressed to the "Treasurer of the U. S.," and in replying to Letters from the "Treasurer's Office," the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

Dea

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, February 10, 1879.

Sir:

I forward this day to your address by Reg. Mail \$14. ¹⁹/₁₀₀ foreign and mutilated silver pieces, the bullion value of which I will thank you to ascertain and deposit with the Asst. Treas^r U. S., in your city in transfer account, advising this office.

Very respectfully,
Wm. D. Fiske
Treasurer U. S.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Received W. S.
(Giffillan)
Frt 10/79

Forwarded by reg. mail
\$14.19 for 19 foreign translated
school pieces - the tuition
value to be deposited as
transfer fee

6/2 \$13.35 mailed
Frt 18/79

Recd Frt 11/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Nov 10th 1879

Hon^{ble} James Pollock
Sup^y Mint Phila^{pa}
Ohio.

We have of farm 8th inst with
y^eck[#] 9165 for 12000 \$^{do} Dollars for which
we return recpts signed
and

have sent you this day, as a set of our last sale
and for returns, as usual C^o Bk of New York,
the following Bal^{ance} per^{to} Sir^{ve}
to wit

\$5573 @ 74 9169⁵⁰ - 02

We thank you for
the information of y^r special letter and will
endeavor to close the last sale by the 18th
inst.

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

2395

Haudy & Son
New York
Feb 10/79

Rec'd check of
\$12,000. —
And from Silas
Drs. 9169.50

Rec'd Feb 11/79

Adams Express Company

Pennsylvania Division.
Central Express.
New Jersey Express Company.

F. Lovejoy
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,

622 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, 10 February 1879.

Concerning the transportation of bullion from Montana
to the Dha. Mint.

Sir:

I have just perused a copy of Mr. Preston's communication to you, dated the 8th inst., and desire to correct him in the statements therein made.

Mills, Fargo & Co. have made no contract with us for the transportation of bullion from Montana, neither have we any contract with the Mint for this service, and, until some arrangement is effected, either with Mills, Fargo & Co. or the Director of the Mint, we shall require

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our charges to be paid; and, if they are
in excess of the agreement made with
Wells, Fargo & Co, it is a matter with which
we have nothing whatever to do, at
present, and you must look to the
latter concern to fulfill their contract
— not to us; they have no right to
contract to Phila. since they do not
operate in this section.

Very respectfully,

F. Gorejoy,

Supt.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock,

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

at Philada.

F. Lovejoy
 Phila - Sept
 Adams Express Co
 Feb 10/79

Have no arrange-
 ment with Wells, Fargo
 & Co. for the transportation
 of gold bullion in U.S.
 from Helena to Phila.

W. F. & Co. do not
 operate in this section,
 and the Adams Ex. Co.
 are not bound by their
 contracts.

Recd Feb 11/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 10, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S. Philada.
Sir:

I transmit by Express to-day to your Mint, a package containing the Annual Assay Record and papers relative thereto, which you will please retain in your custody until I shall call for them.

Very respectfully
R. A. Preston
Acting Director.

2394

A.D.W.

R.C. Weston

Feb 10/79

Towards & Express
annual assay books
& papers.

Recd Feb 11/79

Office of U. S. Assayer,

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 10th, 1879.

Hon. Jas. Pollock, Sup. U.S. Mint, Philadelphia,

Sir,

Referring to your letter of Nov. 30th 1878, and to the assay of Bullion therein mentioned, I will say that we are now in a position to dispose of the sum stated: \$232⁷⁴

As suggested by you please deposit with Asst. Treas^r at Philadelphia as follows:

\$160⁷⁵ in settlement of Prog & Loss of Bullion of Charlotte assay Office from Oct 1st 1876 to Sep. 30th 1878.

\$5³⁹ ditto from Sep. 30th 1878 to Dec. 31st 1878.

\$31⁴⁷/₁₀₀ in settlement of Swap of Charlotte assay Office from Oct. 1st 1876 to Sep. 30th 1878.

Please send duplicate Certificate of deposit
The Balance of \$35¹³ please send to me in
currency by Registered letter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
Calvin J. Fowler
assayer

2409

OFFICE OF U. S. ASSAYER,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.,

Feb. 10th, 1879.

Calvin J. Lawless
Assayer.

Directing deposit to
Remittance, of deposit
No. 1548, No. 23/78.
for \$232.74, profit
a loss full in \$, Amos &

[C/d; & many sent by express
mail, Feb 19. 1879]

No. of Enclosures, 5

Rec^d Feb 12/79

No. 1548.

MEMORANDUM of GOLD BULLION deposited at the MINT of the UNITED STATES

at Philadelphia, the 23^d day of Nov^r 1878, by James Pollock Sup^t.

NOTE.—This Memorandum is for the information of the Depositor, and is of no other Value.

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DESCRIPTION OF BULLION	WEIGHT				FINENESS 1,000ths	VALUE OF THE GOLD		SILVER PARTED FROM THE GOLD			DEDUCTIONS For Parting, Coinage and Fine Bars		NET VALUE	
	BEFORE MELTING		AFTER MELTING			Dollars	Cts.	FINENESS 1,000th	VALUE		Dollars	Cts.	Dollars	Cts.
	Ounces	Dec.	Ounces	Dec.					Dollars	Cts.				
Pars US Assay Office Charlotte NC	15	92	15	92	694½	228	56	272	4	69		51	232	74

I Certify that the net amount of the above Deposit is Two hundred and Thirtytwo 74/100 Dollars.

Payable at the Mint, only on presentation of the receipt of a corresponding date and number heretofore issued.

Gold Coin \$ 228.05
 Gold Bars \$
 Silver Coin \$ 4.69
 Silver Bars \$

JAMES POLLOCK,

Superintendent of the Mint.

By

Jas Baldwin

New Orleans Feby. 17th 1879.
Jas. Pollock. Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

If consistent with
your practice, I have the honor to re-
quest some information in regard
to silver half-dimes.

I wish to obtain twen-
ty (20) dollars worth of Silver Half-Dimes,
no matter of what year, but wish them
to be bright and new pieces. I will
take them "C. O. D." by Express - paying
all expenses; or, please inform me in
what way you would exchange them,
and I will remit by money order or
draft as you may desire, upon the
receipt of which you can forward
them to me.

Very Respectfully.
Frank J. Otto.
Office of U. S. Local Inspectors.
P. O. Box #448.

P. S. Make no error - it is new and bright pieces
that I desire - Silver Half-Dimes.

2419

Frank H. Otto
New Orleans La
Feb 11/79

Wants \$20. at
highly net & of silver
pieces, C. O. D.

Recd Feb 14/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Feb^{ry} 11th 1879

Hon^{ble} Jas Follick of
Supt Mint Phila^{del}a^{phia}
Pa

We return herewith the
Signed receipt for enclosure of Jan^{ry} 10th inst
to wit - of \$7000 for 19000 \$^{ts} Duly in
payh Silver Bullion.

Hope to receive tomorrow
the return on the \$400000 Bary as requested
last week by wire and letter - It being very
important to us to get them as soon as
you can forward them.

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

Handy & Proulx
New York
Feb 11/79

Rec'd Check for \$12,000.

and hopes for return
to move to St. Louis
bars

Rec'd Feb. 12/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 11th, 1879.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail a supply
of Daily Statements of the Coins at your mint.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

R. A. Preston

Acting Director

Hon James Pollock,

Superintendent &c,

Philadelphia Pa.

24/01

A. D. M.
R. E. Barton
Feb. 11/79

Forwards by mail
a supply of blanks
for daily statements
Chicago to

Recd Feb 12/79

The Mint of the United States at Denver,

OFFICE OF THE ASSAYER IN CHARGE,

Denver, Colorado, *Feb 12*, 1879.

Sir

I have this day mailed to you, on Gov.
account 6. packages # 28 to 33. incl. gold
bullion amounting to \$4,512.⁵⁸ as per
Schedule enclosed. (2751.5807)

Rec'd the above
Feb. 17 1879.
S. M. Evans for

Very Respectfully
H. Gilson

Weight listed

Assayer

Wm Dot Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

The Mint of the United States

AT DENVER,

Feb 12, 1879.

N. Silva

Assayer in Charge.

Subject: Enclosing Schedule

6 pkgs #280 33, gold
bullion & registered mail in
Govt of - 275.5804, \$4512.58

D.R. #236.

Mem. for \$4,501⁸⁰

mailed Feb. 20/78

No. of Enclosures, 1

Recd Feb. 17. 1879



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Feb 4th 1879

James Pollock Esq
Capt Unit Phila Pa

Sir

We have y^r favor 11th
inst enclosing y^r ch #71 by for 28057⁰⁴
St^d Dolly for which we return rec^d signed
and
beg to acknowledge rec^d also of the returns
of several lots of Bullion requested of you

Very Respy

Handy & Cronise

We find y^r acct on sale
1st Bay St Louis

5579 @ 90

16,905 @ 02⁵

for returns

as usual to Bk rec^d.

Handy & Son
New York
Feb 12/79

Rect Check for
\$28057.84
and forward
12 Bar Silver
ozs 16,205.50

Recd Feb 13/79

The Mint of the United States,

AT

Philadelphia, Feb 15th, 1880.

Statement of Expenses of Annual Assay at the U. S. Mint Feb 11th + 12th 1880

Joseph F. Tobias & Co	161.50
Stephen Euguet & Son	55.20
John. H. Sanderson	8.00
Mc. Ilwaine & Co	3.25
P. Albert-Gutierrezville Caterer	275.00
Carriage Hire	1.50
	\$3-04.45

Statement of Bills

February 11th + 12th

1880

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 1879

Statement of
Expenses of Annual Assay
at the U.S. Mint Feby 12th & 13th
1879

Bill of And ^r Stevens	300	00
" " Jerry Walker	230	50
" " Joseph F. Tobias & Co	50	00
" " W ^m Sanderson	8	00
" " M ^r Hoane & Co	4	05
" " Geo T. Mowry	3	91
" " C. C. Schleunes	9	75

\$ 606 21


Philadelphia Feb'y 12th 1879
United States Mint

at Philad.

To Geo T. Munney Dr

To Cash paid for paper for screen 1 26

" " " " Cork Screen 25

" " " " 1 Box of Risks - 40

1 91

" " " " 8 yds Smiley to Lin put into 2 00

\$ 3 91

Receipts

Geo T. Munney
4

Geo T. Macey

Feb 12th 1879

\$ 3.91

Feby 1879

Bills of Annual Assay

of Feby 12th and 13th

Total \$ 606.21

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CHAMPAGNE BILLS

CASH,

On First of Each Month.

Established 1821.

Philadelphia Feb. 8 1879

W. D. Mint

Bought of Joseph F. Tobias & Co.
Importers of Wines, Brandies, Gins, &c.
No. 241 Chestnut St.

2 Cases Giesler Blue Seal
Champagne @ \$25.00

50.00

Red Seal
Joseph F. Tobias & Co.

Philadelphia, February 15 1879

U. S. Mint



W. SANDERSON,

Elegant Sofas, Chairs, Tables, Side Boards,

FINE DESKS AND COUNTING ROOM FURNITURE,

No. 425 Walnut Street.

to purchase & loan of 24 chairs,	4	\$8.00
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Rec^d payment
W. Sanderson

MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Philadelphia, 2/16 1879

No. Mary

To LaROCHE & STAHL, Dr.

GREENHOUSES,

Corner 6th & Mt. Vernon Sts.,

CAMDEN, N. J.

FLORISTS,

No. 1319 Chestnut Street.

8 Yards of Angles

2

Revised Payment

La Roche & Stahl

Philadelphia, 2/13 1879

Mr J J Munn

TERMS CASH.

BOUGHT OF

McILVAINE & CO.
GROCERS,
CHESTNUT AND JUNIPER STREETS.

6 1/2 4 Yachuse	²⁰⁰ 30	240 Miles	⁴⁰ 2	40	
1 " Snaps	²⁰ 20	2" Co Biss	⁴⁰ 2	60	
2 " Maes	⁴⁰ 20	1" Fujis	²⁵ 2	65	
1 Bot Pickles				40	4.05

Recd Payt
McIlvaine & Co

Memorandum of Sale.

Feb 11 1879

To Samet

Pieces.	Description.	Number.	Price.	Amount.	
10	Blank	3296	10	1	04
				96	
				10	
				106	
Howe					
Parcel					
Corden					

Memorandum of Sale.

1879

To Linex

Pieces.	Description.	Number.	Price.	Amount.
2	Blank	3296	10	20
	Cash			
	M.C.			

Philadelphia, February 15 1879

U. S. Mint

**BOUGHT
OF** **W. SANDERSON,**

Elegant Sofas, Chairs, Tables, Side Boards,

FINE DESKS AND COUNTING ROOM FURNITURE,

No. 425 Walnut Street.

10 parlor 24 chairs 4

\$ 8 =

Duplicate

Rec'd payment

W. Sanderson

Philadelphia Feby 12th 1879

United States Mint

To Geo T. Money Dr

Cash paid for paper for screens 1 26

" " " Cash Screen 25

" " 1 bot pickels 40 1 91

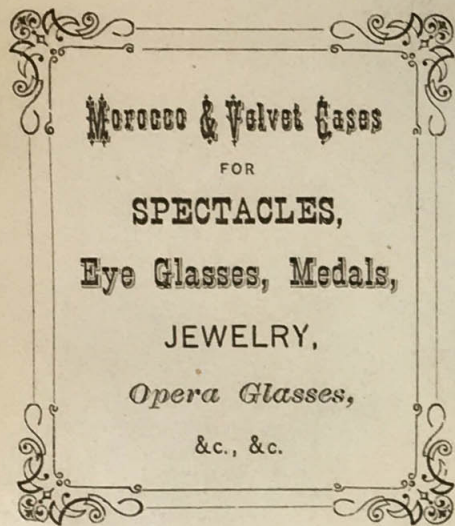
" 8 yds Smiley for Tuning 2 00

Recd payt \$ 3.91
Geo T. Money

Geo. J. Mowry

Feb 12th 1879

\$ 3.91



LOAC PR SANSON ST HALL

Philadelphia, February 8th 1879

M. M. J. Mint

Bought of C. C. SCHLEUNES,

MANUFACTURER OF

Morocco and Velvet Cases,

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,

No. 201 SOUTH FIFTH STREET,
Corner of Walnut.

25. Medal cases

a 37 1/2 \$ 9.75

Free Payment
C. C. Schleunes
H

W & Mink

Sr to Charles F. Stevens

Caterer 1325 Lombard St

Dinner Feb 12 & 13th 1879

Raw oysters Roast Turkeys Veg-

Terrapins Fried Steamed and Broiled Oysters

Croquets Sweet breads Pick Butter

Tea Coffee - Blues Rickels Baked Ham

Fruits Cakes Meringue

\$360.00

Reel Day Out

Chas. Stevens

\$360.00

A. F. Stevens

July 12th & 13th / 29

\$300. =

W J Mint Or to Andrew H. Stevens
Caterer 1345 Lombard St Phil Pa
for Dinner Feb 12th and 13th Feb 1879
Ran after Hunt Turkey Leg
Terrapin Fried vpters Stewed ^{and} Escalloped
vpters Croquets V neck breads Krols Butter
New Pepper Oliver Pickles
Fruit Creams. Service

Recd Payment
of H. Stevens

A. F. Stevens

Feb'y 12th - 13th 1879

\$300. =

Philadelphia, Feb 10 1879
Bill of the A. S. Philad.

Bought of JERRY WALKER,

Importer and Dealer in Wines, Brandies, Cigars, &c.

423 WALNUT STREET,

Assessd Assy

2 Cases	Burch Appr 23.	46.00
2 do	Latona Blend 160	32.00
1 Case	Wanderburg Brandy	16.00
2 "	Royal Pale Shy	16.00
2 "	1869 Rye Whisky	12.00
4 Bottles	Brandy	13.00
4 "	Royal Pale Shy	8.00
4 "	1869 Rye Whisky	5.00
6 "	Old B. Brin	9.00
3 doz	Edinburgh Ale	7.50
600	Har Cigars 11	66.00
		230.50

Feb 17 1879

Per

Jerry Walker

Gerry Walker

\$230.50

July 10th/79

Mr. G. H. Harrold
for United States Mint

Bought of
McILVAINE & CO.
GROCERS,

TERMS CASH.

CHESTNUT & JUNIPER STREETS.

11	1 Young American Cheese	210	
	2 lb Creamers.	40	
	1 Jar Pickles	35	
	2 lb Young's Cheese	40	
			3 25
			u u

Received Payment

Geo. Loomis & Co.

W. Loomis

Feb 21-88

M^c. Irvine & Co
Grocers \$3.25-

MANUFACTURER OF
CHAIRS
 OF ALL KINDS,
 Bank & Office Furniture,
 Cylinder & Reed Desks.
 DINING-ROOM, LIBRARY, CHAMBER,
 —AND—
 PARLOR SUITS,
 OF THE NEWEST DESIGNS.
 FINE UPHOLSTERING A SPECIALTY.

Established 1870.

Philadelphia, *Feb 14* 1880

Geo. A. Hammett
to W. S. Sanderson at Philadelphia
 BOUGHT OF **JOHN H. SANDERSON,**

Successor to W. SANDERSON,

CHAIR AND FINE FURNITURE WAREROOMS,

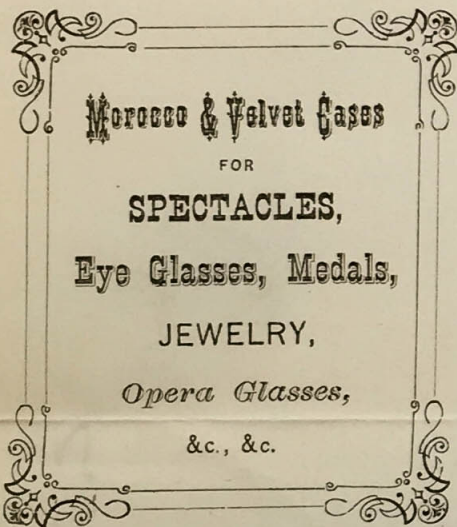
NO. 425 WALNUT STREET.

PATTESON, PR., 818 MARKET ST., PHILA.

To Portage down 2 doz Chair & \$8.00

Rec'd Payment
John H. Sanderson
2/21/80

John H. Sanderson
Chairs \$8.00



Philadelphia, February 8th 1878.

Mr. W. G. Mint.

Bought of C. C. SCHLEUNES,

MANUFACTURER OF

Morocco and Velvet Cases,

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,

No. 201 SOUTH FIFTH STREET,

Corner of Walnut.

LOAG PR SANSON ST HALL

25. Assay Cases

931. - \$ 7.75

Duplicate

Recd. Payment
C. C. Schleunes

E. Schleunes

Cash —

\$7.75

The
Mint of the United States,
at
Philadelphia, February 1878

Statement of
Expenses of Annual Assay
at the U.S. Mint Feby 13th 14th 1878

Bill of And ^r Stevens	300	00
" " Jerry Walker	260	00
" " W ^m Sanderson	8	00
" " Th ^e Ivane & Co	3	48
" " C. C. Schreunes	7	75
" " Geo J. Money	6	95
	<u>586</u>	<u>18</u>

CARRIAGES—

—COUPES—

—EXPRESS—

FURNITURE CARS—

—DRAYS, ETC.

Philadelphia, Feb. 14th 1880

Wm Avery, United States Mint

To American District Express, D^o

817 JAYNE STREET,

REAR OF GIRARD HOUSE.

JOHN P. MURPHY, PR 227 S. FIFTH ST.—BELOW WALNUT.

Feb.	11	Fun Carriage Service for all Commissioners	1	50
Recd. Payment J. M. Schell for Am. Dist. Express.				

United S. Munt.
American District Express
Carriage Hire
\$1.50

American District Express

615 JAYNE STREET

CARRIAGES—

—COUPES—

—EXPRESS—

FURNITURE CARS—

—DRAYS, ETC.

Philadelphia, Feb'y 14TH 1880

Mr. Avery, United States Mint
To American District Express, D^o

817 JAYNE STREET,

REAR OF GIRARD HOUSE.

JOHN P. MURPHY, PR. 227 S. FIFTH ST. BELOW WALNUT.

Feb.	11	Two Carriage Service for all Commissioners	1	50
		Recd. Payment		
		J. M. Schell		
		for Am. Dist. Express		

Philadelphia, 2/15 1878

M. W. S. Mint

BOUGHT OF

McILVAINE & CO.
GROCERS,

CHESTNUT AND JUNIPER STREETS.

TERMS CASH.

Feb 13	9 lbs Cheese $\frac{2.25}{25}$	4 lb But $\frac{60}{20}$	285	
	1 " Cy. Cas $\frac{18}{18}$	1 " Suet $\frac{20}{20}$	38	
	1 " Eastlake cas		25	348

Receiptment
M. W. S. Mint

Mr. Iwan Leo

July 15/78

\$ 3.48

LENS CASE

BOUGHT OF

McGILL & CO.

CHESTER AND JAMES STURGES

10/10/78

Philadelphia, February 24th 1878

Messrs. L. Money U.S. Mint
To LaROCHE & STAHL, Dr.

GREENHOUSES,

Corner 6th & Mt. Vernon Sts.,
CAMDEN, N. J.

FLORISTS,

No. 1319 Chestnut Street.

Two Baskets

\$ 5.50

Received Payment

La Roche & Stahl

Bud of Flowers

\$ 5.50

July 14th

1878

PAROCHE & STANT

1310 Chestnut Street

Phila Feb 13th 1878

United States Mint
at Philada

To Jno T. Money Dr

To 4 Bott^s Vichy Water 1 00

" Flowers 5 50

" - Adams Ex/press. for Books & papers
from Washington 45

\$ 6.95

Receipt of
Jno T. Money

Geo T. Truicy

July 13th 78

\$6.95

Recd Philander Feby 11th 1878 of Lno J.

Money Forty Five cents Expressage assay Book

\$ 0.45 Recd Pay Adams Exp Co
Per Alvares

Expressage

per Adm. 45

Feb 11th 1878

Philadelphia, Feb 16 - 1878

U. S. Mint at Phila

BOUGHT
OF

W. SANDERSON,

Elegant Sofas, Chairs, Tables, Side Boards,

FINE DESKS AND COUNTING ROOM FURNITURE,

No. 425 Walnut Street.

To freightage & loan of 2 doz chairs

4

\$8.00

Feb 16 Rec^d payment

W. Sanderson

(Checkbook)

Wm Sanderson

July 15th / 78 \$ 8.00

720 432 11311111

WILL BEAR AND CONTAIN NO OTHER MARKS

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WILL BEAR AND CONTAIN NO OTHER MARKS

PARTIES.

Weddings, Collations

AND
FASHIONABLE DINNERS

FURNISHED WITH

Oysters, Terrapin, Chicken Salad,
Croquets, and Boned Turkey.

ALSO

CHINA, SILVER & GLASS WARE,
TABLE LINEN and NAPKINS,
CANDELABRA
AND COFFEE URNS.

Philadelphia, Feb'y 16th 1878

McPhil Mint

To Andrew F. Stevens, Jr.

CATERER,

1345 LOMBARD STREET.

J. C. THOMPSON, PRINTER, 29 S. SIXTH

To Serving Dinner Feb'y 13 th	\$ 180.00
To Serving Dinner Feb'y 14 th	150.00
Recd Payment	\$ 300.00
At F. Stevens	

And F. Stevens

July 11th 1878

\$300.5

Feby 1878

Bills of Annual Aug

of Feby 13th to 14th

Total \$ 586.18
C4

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

February 13th 1879.

To the President;-

The undersigned members of the Board of Assay Commissioners appointed by your Excellency for the year 1879, desire to call attention to the inadequacy of the United States Mint building at Philadelphia.

Although not within the province of your Commissioners to report upon the subject, the necessities for increased room are so apparent, that the public interests demand that the attention of the proper authorities should be at once called to the subject.

Moreover the furniture of the Mint is very much worn, and inadequate for the building. It should be re-furnished at once.

Signed - Mrs. Jay Knox

A. London Snowden

John B. Haskin

Geo. A. Smyth

J. E. Hilgard

R. E. Rogers

Carroll E. Smith

Willard Warner

P. W. Sheaffer

S. A. Lattimore

Thomas Donaldson

F. W. Clarke

Washington D.C.

Philadelphia

New York

Vermont

Washington

Philadelphia

New York

Alabama

Penn.

New York

do

Cincinnati, O.

2496.

Annual Assay
Feb. 13. 1879.

(Copy)

Hon. John Jay Knox
& 11 others, Assay
Commissioners.

Report to the Presi-
dent U. S. the want of
room in the Phila
Mint; and the need of
new furniture.

File with papers
of Annual Assay
for 1879.

Recd Feb 13/79

Armstrong & Ward

H. C. TINGES

General Commission Merchant,

MERCHANTS EXCHANGE,

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 13 1879

Supl. Milt Philadelphia,
Pa.

Dear Sir,

Will you please let us know
what Mexican dollars are worth ~~in~~
by wght or piece - Truly,

Armstrong & Ward

2437.

Armstrong & Harp
Kansas City
Mo

Feb 13. 1879

Asking value
of Mexican dollars
&c.

Recd Feb 18. 1879

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879 / FEBRUARY

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/FEBRUARY (CONT.)

Gilman J. Drake, President.

2075

J. G. Rhea, Cashier.

THE
CITY NATIONAL BANK.

Griffin, Ga. Feb 13 1879

Hon Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

Dear Sir - In the Course of business we have accumulated 3 to \$400 in Foreign Coins and in Abraded Coins of the U.S. - Will you kindly instruct me as to Their Mint Value and how I can transmit them to the Mint and receive new Coins in Return. Most of them are Mexican and Spanish dollars: Your Answer will greatly oblige

Yours Very Truly

J. G. Rhea

Cashier

2425

J. G. Reed,
Cashier
Griffin
Ga

Yebv 13. 1879

Asking value
of Mexican dollars,
and abraded U. S. coins,
and how to transmit
to mint.

Recd Yebv 15. 1879

Stratford Feb 13th 1879.

Are Silver, or Copper coins,
bearing old dates, particularly
valuable? Do you buy them?
If so; What would you pay
for a small silver coin,
bearing the date 1764? also
for a copper one cent, date
1795.?

Please address

Mrs S. W. Curtis

Stratford.

P. O. Box 45.

Conn.

2429

Mrs. S. W. Curtis
Stratford
Ch
Feb 13. 1879

Asking various
questions about
old coms,

Recd Feb 17. 1879



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Feb^y 1st 1879

Mr Jas Follick
Capt^y Mil^{itary}
The

Return signed recpt^d
y^r favor 19th inst y^r ch \$768 for 13120⁴⁴ 880
Doll

Very truly

Handy & Cronise

Handy & Son

New York

Feb 13/79

Recd check for

\$13,120 ⁴⁴

Recd Feb 14/79



LEHMAN & BOLTON PHILA

Philadelphia July 13 1879

Dear James P. S. S. S.
Super U. S. Mint
Dear Sir

I send with herewith a set
of coin weights to be standardized
they are for the Collectors of Internal
Revenue Baltimore Md.

Very Respectfully
Henry Froemmer

July 14. 1879. Returned weights to Mr. Froemmer, adjusted
as requested, with Certificate of adjustment.
J. P. S. S.

Henry Troimmer
Philada
Feb 13. 1879

Sending for adjustment
of set coin weights for Coll.
of Internal Revenue, at
Baltimore, Md.

[Feb 14. Returned
with certificate of adjust-
ment]

Recd Feb 13/79

Harmony Pa Feb 13-79

Friend

I understand you are desirous of obtaining half dolls dated 1823. I do have one in my possession of that date
If you wish to purchase it you may do so

G D Swaine
Harmony
Butler Co
Pa

1430

G. D. Swain
Harmony Butter Co
~~Harmony~~
Pa
Feb 13th 1879

Offering half
dollar of 1828 for
sale to the Mink.

Recd Feb 17. 1879

THE
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF PENN YAN.

Penn Yan, N.Y. 14 Feb 1879

James Pollack, Esq. ~~Cashier~~ *Sup't.*
Dear Sir:

Will you
kindly give me the number
of pieces struck of the
pattern gold metric dollar
issued from the Mint in
December last, and oblige

Yours respectfully,
H.K. Armstrong

2433

H K Armstrong
Penn Yan
N. Y.

July 14. 1879

Asking number
of "Goldie" dollars
struck.

Recd July 17. 1879

Sandy Mush Feb. 14th 1879

To Super intendent U.S.
Mint Philadelphia Sir

Two months c^d go I sent
two & $\frac{1}{4}$ oz gold dust to be coined
& the proceeds sent by check &
Postoffice order to

E J Worley Sandy Mush
K... ..

I got c^d Rescript Dated the
month of November 1878 that
it had bin Rescued and have
not heard from it since
Pleas let me know what
has become of it +
oblige yours Respectfully

E J Worley

Sent \$21.89 Gen by Express to E J Worley
Sandy Mush N.C. Dec 11, 1878

G B Thompson

2434

E. J. Worley
Sandy Marsh Nbr
Feb 14/79

Inquiring about
Gold deposit sent
two months ago

Recd Feb 17/79



Philadelphia Feb 14th 1879

Received Certificate of Adjustment
for One Set Leach Current w^b
for Collector of Internal Revenue
Baltimore Md

Henry Troemner

Army Troop
Phila
Feb 14/79

Receipt for Certificate
of adjustment of at least
current weights for Coll.
of Internal Revenue, at
Baltimore, Md.

Recd Feb. 14/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Febry 14. 1879

How Jas. Pollock.
Supt.

Phila.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find recpts for \$14,000
standard, as per your favor 18th inst.

We forward today, as per enclosed
invoice, 18 bars fine Silver 19.279⁹⁵
also our sale at 109⁷⁸. Returns to be made
as usual.

"Can Bank New York,"

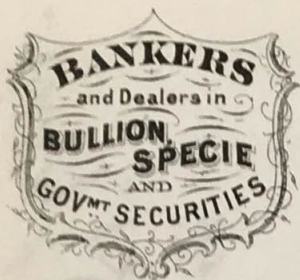
Respy
Handy & Cronise
per Harmon.

2426

Handy & Co
New York
Feb 14/79

Rec'd Check for
\$14,000. —
and forwards silver
os. 19,279.95
@ 109.78

Rec'd Feb 15/79



P. O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Feb 15th 1879

Mr James Follock
Supt Wash Phila Pa
Dn

We have paid sent you
this day by Express, an adv of our sale to
the Govt and for returns, as usual, 90
Bk of Wt the fine film of accompanying
mem^{du} to wit

11 Ban, Phot assay - 16.201¹⁰
02⁵

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

2435

Handy & promise
New York
Feb 15/79

Forwarded Silver
Oct. 16, 201.10

Recd Feb 17/79

Handy & promise
New York
Feb 15/79
Forwarded Silver
Oct. 16, 201.10
Recd Feb 17/79

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Feb 17/79
201.10

Handy & promise
New York
Feb 15/79

The Mint of the United States at Denver,

OFFICE OF THE ASSAYER IN CHARGE,

Denver, Colorado, Feb. 15th, 1879.

Sir

I have this day mailed to you on Gov.
account 18. packages #34 to 51. incl. Gold
bullion amounting to \$18,953.²⁸ as per
Schedule enclosed

Recd the above
Feb 20. 1879

Very Respectfully
A. Silver

5m transfer for Wagon Charge

Assayer in Charge

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Dept. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Pa.

2449

The Mint of the United States

AT DENVER,

Feb 15, 1879.

N. Silver

Assayer in Charge.

Subject: Enclosing Schedule
of Gold Bullion packages
nos 34 @ 57 inc. ~~for~~
\$18,953.48 on 4% U. S.
D. R. #256.

Mem. \$18,904⁶⁷

mailed 24 Feb/79

No. of Enclosures, 1

Recd Feb 20/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 15, 1879.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter of
the calendar year, 1878.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

2427

Adm

R. S. Pringle

Feb. 13/79

*Recd Bullion Fund
of 4th Quarter, 1878,*

Recd Feb 17/79

Office of U. S. Assayer,

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 15th, 1879.

Hon. Jas. Pollock, Sup. U.S. Mint Philadelphia,

Sir:

I have the
honor to enclose statement of Remit No. 20 of G.
Bul. purchased on Gov. G. — 21 Bars

Very Respectfully,

Recd the above
Feb. 19. 1879.

Your Obedt. Servant

W. L. C. Brown

Calvin J. Corcoran

W. L. C. Brown

an agent

65.86 ozs. \$ 1147.45

2436.

OFFICE OF U. S. ASSAYER,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.,

Feb 15-, 1879.

Calvin J. Cowles
Assayer. &c

Transmitting by registered mail, in post
of 21 Bar 65.86 ozs.
Gold Bullion #1142.45

D. R. #248.

Mem. #1138.39
mailed Feb 21/79

No. of Enclosures, /

Recd Feb 17/79

H.C.S.

Treasury Department,

FIRST AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

February 17, 1879.

Sir:

In order to the allowance of the expenditures for advertising, in vouchers Nos. 541, 542 and 544 of your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of December, 1878, You will be required, in accordance with section 3828 of the Revised Statutes, U.S., to file with said vouchers the written authority for said advertising from the head of the Treasury Department.

Respectfully

R. M. Reynolds

Auditor

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

2439

Hon R. W. Reynolds,
1st Auditor General
Feb 17/79

Under Sect. 3828
Rev. Stat. Will, in
Dec. 178 for adg
must be accompanied
by written authority for
adg from the Head
of the Department.

Recd Feb 18/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Feb'y 17 1879

Mr. Jas. Pollack,
Supt. Mint
Phila.

Yr. favor 15th recd.
with enclosures \$ 17,000. We enclose repts.

We ship as per enclosed memⁿ.

13 bars. Fine Silver; wt 18.964.95. av.
etc. saw 109⁷⁸; proceeds to be returned
as usual,
Care Bank N.Y.

Respy
Handy & Cronise,
Hamm.

2440

Hand & Conise
New York
Feb 17/79

Rec'd Check \$17,000.
and ships
18,964.95 on silver

Rec'd Feb 18/79

WESTERN B. & ENGRAVING CO. CHICAGO.

Banking House of
J. R. PENNIMAN

Minneapolis, Kansas, Feb 17 1879

Assn.

What do you allow for Mexican Dollars in Exchange, for new Standard Dollars, and what Percent do you deduct for loaning them over. There is an excess of Mexican dollars in this Part of the Country. I would like to send in some and get in Exchange New Dollars or if you can I would rather have a certificate for them so our New York correspondent could draw them of Asst Treas of the US at New York, would send. Say Five Hundred at a time,

Yours Truly

J. R. Smith (as)

To Supt U S Mint
Philadelphia Pa }

²⁴⁶⁷
J. W. Smith, bar
Minneapolis
Kansas

Feb 24, 1879

Asking value
of Mexican dollars.

Record Feb 24, 1879

American Numismatic and Archaeological Society.



CHAS. E. ANTHON, LL.D. *Pres.*, Cor. Lexington Ave & 23d St, N.Y.

WM. POILLON, *Secretary*, 61 Bethune Street, N. Y.

BENJ. BETTS, *Treasurer*, 40 Bond Street, Brooklyn.

ISAAC F. WOOD, *Librarian*, 64 Madison Avenue, N. Y.

EDWARD GROH, *Curator*, 48 New Chambers Street, N.Y.

New York, *Feb 18* 1879

You will greatly oblige this
Society with the name in full
of the new Director of the Mint
of the U.S. an early reply

will oblige

Yours truly

Wm Poillon

fec

2453

Wm Pailin, Secy
Am. Num Soc
Boston, Mass.
Feb 18/79

Wants name of
new Director of the
Mint

Recd Feb 20/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Febry 17, 1879.*

*Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint, Philad^a Pa.
Sir:*

*I enclose herewith \$2.75
in payment for two (2) Silver
Assay medals and cases, forwarded
by you on the 15th instant.*

*Very Respectfully,
R. E. Peckover
Acting Director.*

2445

A. Dele

R. E. Martin

Feb. 17/79

Enclos #2.75
for in payt for 2
Silver assay medals

Rec'd Feb 19/79

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., January 18, 1879.

Custodian

U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your "return of furniture and fixtures" for the six months ending December 31, 1878, is herewith returned for your signature thereto.

Very respectfully,

W. A. R. Upton

Chief Clerk.

2218

J. R. Upton
Chief Clerk
Treasury Department
Washington D.C.
January 18/79

Returning report of Treasurer
of Dec. 31/78.
for signature of Asst.

Recd Jan 20/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street
New York, *Aug 18th 1879*

*Hon. James Pollock
Dept. of the Treasury
Washington*

We enclose herewith, signed
receipts for enclosures, No 7171 - 47 Jan 14th -
inst for 22000 \$ Dollars

and
Send you this day by Express for returns - as
usual by 10th of month - per New, as
per memo herewith
to wit

102^d
I Paid, U.S. Treasury 11,646⁰²

as closing on sale @ 109^{7/8} and
beg you will believe that we regret, in a
double sense, to be obliged thus to tender
our "P.D."!

With much respect,
Very Truly
Handy & Cronise

2446

Andy & Louise
New York
Feb. 18/79

Rec'd check of
\$22,000.

Rec'd Feb 19/79

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

The United States Assay Office

AT

HELENA, MONTANA,

February 18, 1879.

Sir:

Your favor of 6 inst. duly received.

The Invoice Blank sent by Mr. Silver, U.S. Mint at Denver came duly to hand, and I have ordered a supply of same from the Director of the Mint, the Printing Office here not being adequate to the proper execution of that kind of work. When they come to hand I will use them altogether.

Your instructions concerning letters and schedules of shipments of Bars, I will see are carefully carried out. I have, for two weeks, been under telegraphic instructions not to ship any more bullion by Express until otherwise notified, on account of the rates being excessive, and I am now purchasing and holding same, and I have quite a quantity now on hand awaiting orders to ship.

The United States Assay Office

AT

HELENA, MONTANA,

....., 187 .

.....
Assayer in Charge.

Subject:

.....
No. of Enclosures

Very respectfully,
Russell B. Harrison

To Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. The Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia,
Penn.^a

Assays in Charge.

2508

The United States Assay Office

AT

HELENA, MONTANA,

February 18, 1879.

R. D. Harrison,

Assayer in Charge.

Subject: Shipments, Blanks &c

Have made requisition
on Director of the Mint for
Blanks for Shipping Sched-
-ules. Am holding bullion
purchased by order of Director
in fee of excessive Express
charges.

No. of Enclosures: 1

R. D. Harrison

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 18, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution requesting that they be furnished with copies of the medal presented to the Commissioners at the recent annual assay. As the medal has, on one side, the monument to the late Prof. Henry, they are anxious to possess copies.

I have therefore to request that you will cause to be struck and forwarded to this office five copies of the medal in bronze, without cases.

As these medals are for the use
of an Institution devoted to the dis-
semination of Science, they will be
furnished without charge.

Very Respectfully,
R. C. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. M.
(R. E. Preston)
Feb. 18/79

Requisition for
5 Annual assay
medals, in honor,
for the Smithsonian
Institution, free of
charge.

Rec Feb 19/79

Wm. Brewster

1879

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New York, Feby 19, 1879

Sir;

I have to advise you that, by direction of the Hon Treasurer U.S. I have this day forwarded to the U. S. Mint \$18,200. in gold coins of light weight, and have charged the amount in Treasurers general account.

Very respectfully

Wm B Moore

Asst Treasurer

James Pollock Esq.
Supt U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

91
455
2275
97825
489
97336

2457

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
NEW YORK,

19 Feb, 1879.

Thos. Hillhouse
Assistant Treasurer U. S.

Per order of Treas. U. S.
has expressed to the amount
\$18,200. light gold coin,
or chgd the amt in the
Treasurer's general account.

No. of Enclosures, _____

Rec'd Feb 21/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 19, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.
Sir:

I herewith return
your letter of yesterday, which ap-
pears to have been inadvertently
sent without signature, which please
append and re-transmit to this
Office.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. M.

(R. S. Benton)

Feb 19/79

Returning letter
of the 18th inst. & p
Sup't's signature is
inadvertently omitted.

Recd Feb 20/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street.

New York, Feb 19. 1879

Hon. Jas Pollock.
Supt. Cluit. Phila. Pa.

Dr. Sir.

We return signed receipts
gr favor 18th inst gr CR. 7172 for \$17,000.

Very Resp.

Handy & Cronise
/

2451

Handy & Son
New York
Feb 19/79

Rec'd check for
\$17,000. —

Rec'd Feb 20/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 19th 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir: I transmit herewith, copy of contract between the United States, and Adams Express Company, for the transportation of moneys and securities, dated February 1st 1879.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

2447

A. D. K.
(R. L. Perkins)
Feb 19/79

Transmitting
printed copy of
Contract on the
Adams Express Co.
for the transportation
-tion of moneys
and documents.

Recd Feb 20/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Feby. 20th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst.
enclosing Statement of Silver purchas-
es from the 10th to the 15th of Feby.
1879 has been received.

Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

2456

A. D. L.,
(R. L. B. L. L.)
Feb 20/79

Recd Statement of
Silas purchases
for 10 @ 15 Feb/79

Recd Note 21/79

The Mint of the United States at Denver,

OFFICE OF THE ASSAYER IN CHARGE,

Denver, Colorado, *July 20*, 1879.

Sir

I have this day mailed to you on Gov.
account 19. packages #52 to 70. incl. Gold
bullion amounting to \$19,885.⁴⁷ as per
Schedule enclosed.

Rec'd the above
July 28. 1879
W. C. Orman

Very Respectfully
A. J. Silvers

Weight Clerk

Assayer in Charge

Hon. D. S. Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Pa.

2474

The Mint of the United States

AT DENVER,

Feb 20., 1879.

H. Silver

Assayer in Charge.

Subject: Enclosing Schedule
of 19 pkgs #52 @ 70 in c,
Gold Bullion, by registered
mail, in 4 U. S.
1044.9702 #19,885.47 -

D. R. #279.

Mem. for #19,828²¹
mailed Feb 28. 1879.

No. of Enclosures, 1

Recd Feb 25/79

First National Bank, Kendallville.

Kendallville, Ind. Feb 20th 1879United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa
Dear Sir:

Did the United
States Mints ever coin any one dollar
Gold piece Octagon shape if so
what year

Yours Truly
J. G. Waltman Cash

2468 J. G. Maltman
Cashier

1st Nat Bank

Rendallville

Ind
Feb 24/79

Asking if the
Mint ever coined
an octagon gold
dollar.

Record Feb 24. 1879

Arlington Ga. Feb. 21st 1877
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia,

Sir There is a
great deal of old worn Coin (silver)
and Mexican dollars afloat.

I presume you are authorized
to buy them in and recoin them
what can you pay and what
will be the cost of transporting
them to the Mint.

Resply W. T. Saxon

P.S. what is the smallest amount
you would care to purchase

2460

W. J. Saxon
Abington
Ga

Feb 21. 1879.

Asking value of
Mex dollars &c.

Recd Feb 21. 1879



October 20th 1898

to The Superintendent
of the mint Sir

I want to know how
to handle Silver ore from
first to last - Say ore
taken from the mine
what is the first step
please just give me
all the information you
can on the Subject -
and when it is ready for
the mint what will it cost
to have it coined

you may think strange
of me applying to you
for information I did
not know who to apply
to for information
and any information you will
please to give will be

1728 1/2 1728 1/2

J. M. Sims
Assumption
Ill.

20 Oct 1878.

Inquiring how in
structions how to
treat Silver ore, &
the cost of carrying it.

J M Sims
Assumption
Ill

Thankfully received
What is the place to
send the ore to get it -
Advised
yours respectfully

Rec'd 28 Oct. '78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February, 21, 1879.

Sir:

I have examined, and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary, and Refinery Expense Accounts for the month of January, 1879.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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A.D.M.

(R.E. Hartman)

Feb 21/79

Recd & secured
Ordinary & Refining
Expenses for
January, 1879.

Recd Feb 22/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 21, 1879.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether John Kurtz, Laborer, @ \$2.75 per diem, is still in the employ of your Mint, and, if not, the date of his removal.

His name does not appear on your payrolls and we seem to have no record of his removal.

Very respectfully,
R. A. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

2462

A. D. W.

(R. L. Benton)

Feb 21/79

Enquire when John
Hurty, Laborer, was
removed - his name
not appearing in the
pay rolls.

Recd Feb 22/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 21, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury I have to inform you that A. S. Snowden, Esq. having been appointed and confirmed as Supt. of the U.S. Mint at Philad^a and that it is the desire of the Department that the transfer from yourself to Mr. Snowden should be made in time to enable him to take charge of the Mint on the first proximo.

I have therefore to request that you will cause the accounts between yourself and the operative officers

to be balanced, so as to determine the amount of bullion in their custody.

It will not be necessary to weigh the bullion in the hands of the operative officers nor to have a transfer of the amount made by them to you; but the incoming Superintendent will receipt to you for so much bullion in the hands of the operative officers to be accounted for by them.

It will be necessary for yourself and Mr. Snowden to agree upon some definite plan and time as to the manner of weighing the bullion and counting the coin to be transferred by you to him.

You will please take his receipt in duplicate for all bullion and coin as well as the property of the mint

and forward the original to this office
and retain the duplicate.

Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

2461

A. D. 10.

(R. S. Berlin)

Feb 21/79

Transfers to take place
in time to enable Supt
Snowden to take pos-
session of the Mint 1st
March.

(Directing mode
of settlement & transfer.)

Rec^d Feb 22/79

Office of U. S. Assayer,

Charlotte, N. C., Feb'y 21st, 1879

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst per Registered mail with enclosures as stated

viz

3 Certificate of Deposit with

Assistant Treasurer U.S. aggregating \$197.61

Currency

35.13

\$232.74

on account of this Office, being the result of deposit of Bullion forwarded from this Office Nov. 21st for other than Government purchasing account, and assayed Nov. 23, 1878 (Memorandum

No. 1548)

20
Hon. Jas Pallack

Supt U.S. Mint Philada Pa.

I have the honor to be
Your obt servant
Calvin Bowles
Assayer

2466

OFFICE OF U. S. ASSAYER,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.,

Feb. 21, 1879.

C. J. Bowles

Assayer.

Rec'd 3 ~~6/10~~
for — \$197.61
Census 35.13
\$ 232.74

in full of deposit
of gold bullion No.
7548 - deducting
Sweep

No. of Enclosures, —

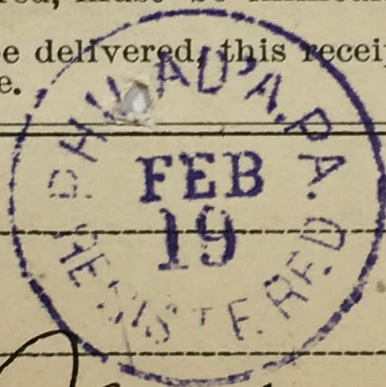
Rec'd Feb 24/79

RETURN REGISTERED-LETTER RECEIPT.

NOTE.—This return receipt, after being signed by the party to whom the letter or package which accompanies it is delivered, must be immediately inclosed to the Postmaster at the office where it originated.

Should the registered letter not be delivered, this receipt must be forwarded with it, in due course, to the Dead-Letter Office.

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1879.

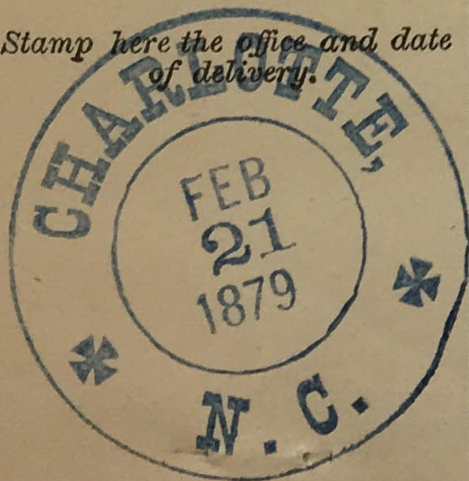
Mailed at

by

a letter addressed to

U. S. Mint
C. J. Cowles
Charlotte
N. C.

Stamp here the office and date of delivery.



Received the above-described letter.

Sign }
here. }

Emory B. Hanna

Shuckshury by L. R.
July 21st 1879

Supt Mint
Sir,

I am in receipt
of yours of 19th.

I would like something
in exchange for those 3rd pieces.
I have a letter from the Deput
stating that the three cent
pieces would be redeemed ~~by~~ when
presented by a public Office in
any amount, if he received them
in regular course of business,
But if you cannot do this you
may please return them to me
by registered Mail.

And oblige

Yours

L. T. Seaward PM
Shuckshury
Va

440

Sheepsbury, Pa.
July 21/79

L. J. Seward
Pm

Request return
of his \$ & pieces,
by registered mail.

Recd July 22nd 1879.

The Mint of the United States

AT

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

Feby 21, 1879.

Hon James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S. Philadelphia

Sir

It affords me great pleasure to say that the services of Messrs James & Reed in this Department have been invaluable. Mr James has superintended the construction & repairs of machinery to my entire satisfaction, & without Mr Reeds services in the Clearing Room the first coinage of this Mint ^{on Tuesday last} would not have presented as beautiful appearance as it does. They are both worthy graduates of the parent Mint & I very much regret the necessity that compels their return to Philadelphia.

I entirely concur in the
above statement of course
Davis. H. T. Foote.

Very respectfully
W. B. Davis

2507

The Mint of the United States

AT

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

Feb 21, 1879
M. V. Davis, Coiner
H. S. Foose
Superintendent.

Cordially endorsing
the skill & fidelity of
Messrs James & Reed &
the Phila Mint while
at the N. O. Mint.

No. of Enclosures, —

Recd Mch 3/79



P.O. Box. 2442.

BANKING HOUSE OF Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street.

New York, July 21, 1879

Hon. Jas Pollock

Supt.

Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir.

We return signed receipts. your
 favor 20th inst your check # 7173
 \$ 20.736.¹²

Very Respy.

Handy & Cronise
J.

8/5

2465

Amey & Sonise
New York
Feb 21/79

Recd check for
\$20,236.72

Recd check 22/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 24, 1879.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Five Annual Assay Medals, in bronze, for-
warded for the Smithsonian Institution.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

2473

A. Bell

(R. S. Hartman)

Feb 24/79

Recd 5 annual
assay medals
for the Smithsonian
Institution.

Recd Feb 25/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 24, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. Philadelphia
Sir:

I have received your
letter of the 21st instant transmitting
Coiner's weekly report of Coinage
executed for the week ending Feb-
ruary 22nd 1879.

Very respectfully
R. A. Preston
Acting Director.

2472

A. Dele

(R. & R. Dele)

Feb 24/79

Recd Coinage
Statement for
Week ending
Feb 22. 1879

Recd Feb 25/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 24, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S. Philada.
Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, requesting to be informed if you shall deface and destroy the "Barber dollar die, gold dollar die and gold double eagle die", all of 1878, I have to state that you are hereby authorized to do so.

Very respectfully
R. E. Keaton
Acting Director.

2469

A.D.M.

(Revised)

Feb 24/79

Instructions to
depress & destroy
the dies for the
"Barber" and "Gould"
dollar, and the
"Metcalf" gold
double eagle

Recd Feb 25/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 24 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S. Philada.
Sir:

I transmit herewith
a table of residual corrections of the
set of grain weights furnished by
the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey
Office for the use of your Mint.

The copy of the letter of Professor
Hilgard - herewith enclosed - trans-
mitting the table, shows the weights
to be practically exact.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. W.
(R & Preston)
Feb 24/79

Enclosing table of
residual corrections
of the duty grain weights
furnished for the audit
by the U. S. Coast and
Geodetic Survey Office.

[2 enclosures.]

Rec^d Feb 25/79

BUREAU OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

WASHINGTON, FEB. 17, 1879.

TABLE OF CORRECTIONS TO SET OF GRAIN WEIGHTS
FOR THE MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

1000	gr.	wgt	=	1000	gr.	+	0.0001 ^{gr.}
500	"	"	=	500	"	+	.0006
200	" (A)	"	=	200	"	+	.0001
200	" (B)	"	=	200	"	+	.0001
100	"	"	=	100	"	+	.0002
50	"	"	=	50	"	-	.0001
20	" (A)	"	=	20	"	+	.0001
20	" (B)	"	=	20	"	-	.0001
10	"	"	=	10	"	±	.0000
5	"	"	=	5	"	-	.0002
2	"	"	=	2	"	+	.0002
2	"	"	=	2	"	+	.0002
1	"	"	=	1	"	+	.0001
.5+2+.2+.1	"	"	=	1	"	-	.0012
.5	"	"	=	.5	"	-	.0004
.2	"	"	=	.2	"	-	.0004
.2	"	"	=	.2	"	-	.0003
.1	"	"	=	.1	"	±	.0000
.05+.02+.02+.01	"	"	=	.1	"	+	.0002
.05	"	"	=	.05	"	+	.0003
.02	"	"	=	.02	"	±	.0000
.02	"	"	=	.02	"	-	.0001
.01	"	"	=	.01	"	±	0.0000

J. E. Hilg and

Inspector
U.S. Standard Wts. & Measures.

copy

U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey Office.
Washington, Feb. 20, 1879

Mr. R. E. Preston.

Acting Director of the Mint.

U.S. Treasury Department.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith the table of residual corrections of the set of grain weights delivered to you Feb. 10th. It will appear from this table, that all the weights are exact, far within one thousandth of a grain, and they may be used as standard without reference to the corrections in the table, which are only submitted as evidence of the great exactness to which the adjustment has been carried.

Yours respectfully
(Signed) J. E. Hilgard
Inspector U.S. Weights & Measures.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 24, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st instant transmitting statements of Melters & Refiners' bullion operations and gold and silver meltings for the month of January 1879.

Very respectfully

R. A. Huston
Acting Director.

2471

A. D. M.

(R. S. Preston)

Feb 24/79.

Recd Statement of
M & R's Bullion Oper-
-ations & Gold & Silver
melting for January 1879.

Recd Feb 25/79

Timeland 209
Feb 24/79

Sup. W S Mint
Dear Sir

Allow me to ask
a favor of you.

I am buying considerable silver say
from \$50. to \$100.
worth a month and
want it pure. Please
tell me what is my
most reliable way of
knowing its fineness
and what is my most
economical way of
purchasing it?

Res.

J. B. Welch, M.D.

2478

Y B. Welch. M.D.

Amelana

N.Y.

Feb 24. 1879

asking beek
mode to procure
pure silver.

Recd Feb 25. 1879

R. H. K.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS,

Washington City, D. C., Feb. 25, 1879

The account of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. for one Good Life Saving Medal furnished February 18, 1879, for the Life Saving Record, has been adjusted in this Department, and the sum of \$67.30 found due thereon, which will be remitted.

Yours, very respectfully
Your obedient servant

H. A. Fodderood
Actg. Commissioner of Customs

James Pollock, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Care of Director of the Mint
Misc. Washington D. C.

2488

H. A. Lackwood
Acting Commissioner of Customs
Washington D.C.
Feb 25. 1879

Am't of amount bill
for 1 Life Saving Medal
\$67.30, furnished
Feb 18/79, will be
remitted.

Rec Feb 27/79

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., February 25, 1879.

Custodian

U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to a letter dated the 19th instant from Asayer Du Bois addressed to the Acting Director of the Mint and by him referred to this office requesting that an office desk and chair be furnished for use of the Assistant Asayer in the building under your charge. I will thank you to submit an estimate of the cost of the desk and chair required stating the kind of material used in their construction.

Very respectfully.

John P. Bowler

Assistant Secretary.

2480

Asst Secy Treasury
(Mr. B. Hawley)
Feb 25. 1879

Request, Estimate of
cost of Desk & chair
for Asst Secy, & the
kind of material.

Recd Feb 26/79

Baltimore Feb 25th 1879

Mr. Baldwin

Dear Sir

I received my Gold per Adam Express but must confess I am very much disappointed at the return for the simple reason, I was offered more for it by Manufacturing Jewellers in our City they offered me at the ^{rate} of 24cts pr. k, which would make it about \$5.00 more than you returned to me namely \$72.39, my Gold generally averages me by sending to Mint $4\frac{1}{4}$ ct. k, at least, but this time it left me about \$10, short, which I will try to explain I tested every piece of ^{Gold} before sending, and therefore know exactly what it is worth and what I ought to realize by having it converted in to Coin, your Memorandum states that my Gold weight after melting down 6 ounces or 120 Dwt and fineness of Gold 579, which would make it about 14 k, now I sent you 75 Dwt of 18 k, 35 Dwt of 14 k, and the remainder which would be about 10 Dwt, was about 10 k, which would make it at 4ct. k, \$77.60, and at $4\frac{1}{4}$ ct. k, \$83.07, now how you average the whole of my Gold at 579 in fineness

or about 14 k. fine I wish you would be kind
enough to explain

Yours Respectfully

E. W. Schlitzberger
115 E. Baltimore st

Baltimore

MS

Respectfully Submitted
to Sup't of the Airt
Gen. Baldwin
Register of Warrants

2490

C. W. Schlitzberger,
Baltimore Md

Feb 25/79

Disappointed in
returning for a gold
deposit.

Recd Feb 27/79

All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "First Auditor of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from this Office the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

Treasury Department,

FIRST AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

February 25th, 1879.

A. J. M.
Sir:

Will you please furnish to this Office a few samples of the pins supplied you by Mr. E. D. Lockwood of your City on order from this Department, as per item "5th Pins \$16.50 in his bill of January 31st, 1879, and much oblige,

Respectfully,
W. Maymored
Auditor.

James Pollock, Esq.,
Supt. of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

2481

First Audit Reading
(R. W. Reynolds)
Feb 25. 1879

Request, samples of
pins supplied to the
audit by E. D. Lockwood
in order from the Dept
"5 # Pins \$16.50" in his
bill of Aug 31. 1879.

Recd Feb 26/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Febry. 26*", 1879.

Hon. James Rollock,

Supt. U.S. Mint, Philad^a Pa.

Sir:

It will be necessary for you to transmit your check favor of the Treasurer of the U.S. for the balance standing to your official credit, with the Assistant Treasurer at New York in order that a transfer may be issued crediting you with that amount as transferred to the Treasury. It cannot be properly transferred with the other assets of the mint to your successor. I have therefore to request that you will forward your check for the amount to your credit with the Asst. Treasurer at New York, to the

Treasurer of the U.S. with the request
that a transfer be made of the amount
from your Bullion Fund to the Treasurer
of the U.S.

Very Respectfully,
R. A. Poston
Acting Director.

2483

A. D. W.

(R. V. Weston)

Feb 26/79

Dep't to transmit
his check to order of
Treasurer U. S. for
the bal. of bullion
paid to his credit
in the hands of
the Asst. Treas.
at New York

Recd Feb 27/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Febry. 26th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. U.S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst.
transmitting certificate of deposit
for \$6 ⁴²/₁₀₀ on account of proceeds
of sale of old material, has been
received.

I will thank you to for-
ward a statement of the old ma-
terial sold.

Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

A. D. W.

(R. E. Weston)

Feb 26. 1879

Rec'd b/d \$6.42 for
 old material sold
 Request Station
 -menty old ma-
 -terial sold.

Rec'd Feb 27/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 26th, 1879.

Sir,

The following Telegram sent you to-day is hereby made Official, viz:

You are authorized to convert the trade dollars referred to in your letter of the eighteenth, into standard dollar ingots.

I am, very respectfully,

R. E. Presford
Actg Director.

Superintendent Mint.

Philadelphia.

Pa.

2484

A. Delo.

(R. E. Parker)

Feb. 26/79

Confirming tele-
gram to convert
Trade Dollars
into Standard
Dollar ingots.

Recd Feb 27/79

Seneca

Ms
Feb 26th / 79

Director U S Mint

Or Sir

I sent you for assay some
specimens of mineral 2 weeks
ago & have heard nothing from them
If not asking to much, would
you please inform me if you
received them & what they are worth
to the Gov. Let me know immediately
Y^{rs} greatly

Oblige yours

Truly

C. A. Heaver

Seneca

Ms

2500.

J. H. Reeves

Seneca

Mo

Feb'y 26. 1879

Specimen of
one sent to the
Mint for exam-
ination.

Rec'd Feb'y 28. 1879

Office of Quaker City Malt House,
No. 1422 Nth Eighth St.

Francis Blackburne, Jr.

Philadelphia, July 27th 1879

A. Larden Menden Esq }
W. C. Mint }
City }

Respectfully,

I am not intruding too much
on your valuable time, by asking
for the following information, is
there a party by the name
of Aaron Mathis Esq. working
in the Mint, in this City?

By informing me of the above
you will greatly oblige

Yours Resp^{ly}
John H. C. Blackburne

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John M. C. Blackburne
Philadelphia
Feb 27/79

Inquiring if a
man named
Aaron Mattis, &
is working in the
mill.

Filed Feb 4/79

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

February 28 1879.

Hon James Pollock
Sir

In reply to the letter
enquiring the cost of getting up a medal
like that of Agazzis, of Prof Henry.
I would observe. we have two Medals of
Agazzis one large, one small. and that
the cost of getting up the dies for such
medals is from 200 to 300 \$, size $1\frac{1}{2}$ to
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ diam^s, also unless you use either
Gold or Silver, the price of the medal is not
greatly increased by the size.
I would remind you here, that I have

a model of the Professor which has been
approved of by yourself, and also by
the Daughter of Prof Henry, and
that I have every disposition to aid the
Gentlemen in carrying out the idea, sug-
-gested and I know that you have also.
and will afford me the benefit of your
kind cooperation and mature judgment
in carrying out their views.

I shall therefore receive with pleasure
any further communication stating their
wishes and how I can be useful.

Yours Respectfully
Yours Wm Barber

Over

P.S. I should like the Gentlemen
to know, that as you and I are so
entirely in sympathy with the project
of a Medal to Henry, that should
the sum named be an obstacle in the
way, I should like to know it. and
lend my aid in the event of any
deficiency =

& Geodetic
U. S. Coast Survey Office.
Washington, Feb. 27, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock;
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philad^a, Pa..

My dear Governor:

Please give me a general idea of the cost of getting up a medal like that of Agassiz. I have Henry in my mind, and would like to be able to form a judgment whether the original expense can be covered by a subscription of immediate friends.

Very truly
Yours,

J. E. Hilgard

2497

Prof. J. S. Hilgard
U. S. Coast Survey
Washington D.C.
Feb 27. 1879

Enquires the probable
cost of getting
up a medal of
Prof. Henry like
that of Agassiz.

Recd Feb 28/79

Almonte Ont July 27th 1879

To the Managers of United States Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir Having about thirty ounces
of gold dust on hand and wishing to
send it to your Mint to have it
coined I wish to know the best
and safest way to send it to you
and want to know if you can send
draft to me payable in Canadian funds
on any Bank or agency of Bank
in Canada by answer above at
your earliest convenience and all
Yours truly

Gilbert Thomlinson

P.S.

I am interest in gold mines in Province
of Quebec and will likely handle considerable
Gold next season

2505

Gilbert Tomlinson
Almonte, Ont
Feb 27/79

Inquire terms
for Coining gold
bullion - and how
to send it.

Mch. 1 - Gold coin
- value mailed in
reply

Recd Mch 1/79

The Mint of the United States at Denver,

OFFICE OF THE ASSAYER IN CHARGE,

Denver, Colorado, Feb. 28th, 1879

Sir

I have this day forwarded to you on
Government account 7 packages #71-
77 gold bullion amounting to \$2,181.31.
as per Schedule enclosed. (123.88 oz)

Very Respectfully

H. C. Silver

Recd the above
check \$779

Wm. H. C. Silver

Assayer in Charge

Wm. H. C. Silver

Mr. D. T. Pollock

Dept. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

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The Mint of the United States

AT DENVER,

Feb 28, 1879.

N. Silver

Assayer in Charge.

Subject: Enclosing Schedule
of 123, 88 020, Gold Bullion
on of U. S. Pkgs 71 & 72, 4
Registered mail. — # 2, 181. 31

D.B. # 321.

Mem for # 2177 ⁷²
mailed March 8. 1879.

No. of Enclosures, 1

Recd Mch 5/79

Baldwyn miss.
Feby 27th 1879

Mr Jas. Pollock,

Supt U.S. Mint
Dr Sir

Can you send me Silver Exchange
on N.Y.; or buy P.O. money order, or some
thing that will be cheaper than express
on Silver; That is in exchange for
Mexican Silver dollars. The express
on the \$106 $\frac{14}{100}$ received from you a few
day since was \$2.75.

Want to send some Mexicans when
I hear from you.

Yours Truly
J. H. Jones

2509

J. K. Jones
Baldwyn, Miss.
Feb 27/79

Wants Silver Ex-
change, a P. O. Money
order on N.Y. instead
of the Silver Dollars
by Express - in return
for Mexican Dollars.

Recd. N.Y. 3/7/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

February 27 1879.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have instructed Mr. E. T. Leach of
this office to visit Philadelphia and
be present at the transfer of bullion, coin
and the property of the Mint in that city
from yourself to the new Superintendent.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Peckham

Acting Director.

2495

A. D. W.

(R. V. Parson)

Feb 27/79

Mr. E. O. Leech of
the Directors office
note be present at the
Mint transfer to Capt
Snowden

Recd Feb. 28/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Feby. 27*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst.
transmitting Statement of Silver pur-
-chased from February 17th to the 22nd
inst. has been received.

Very Respectfully,
R. A. Preston
Acting Director.

24941

A. D. W.

(R. & P. Co.)

Feb 27/79

Recd Statement of
Silver purchased for
the week ending 22
Feb 1879.

Recd Feb 28/79

A. J. M.

Treasury Department,

FIRST AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

February 27th, 1879.

Sir:

Your favor of the 26th inst. received, enclosing samples of pins furnished the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, by E. D. Lockwood in January last.

You will please accept my thanks for the favor and confer still another by stating the amount of each size furnished Jan'y. 31, 1879, and aggregating a total quantity of 5 pounds.

Respectfully,

A. J. M.

Auditor

James Pollock Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

2496.

Print Audit ready
(R. H. Reynolds)
Feb 27/79

Request Statement of
the Amt of each kind
of pins & making 5
lbs - furnished Jan 31/79
J. D. Luskwood

Recd Feb 28/79

G. C. Hixon,
President.

No. 2344
Chas. Michel,
Vice President

J. S. Burton,
Cashier.

La Crosse National Bank.

La Crosse, Wis. ~~July 27~~ ^{Aug 27} 1878.

Sir,

Please inform me
what sum you will
require for Proof Silver
Dollars of the New Coinage.
I presume you can tell me
the cost in view of the
Certainty of the Bill being
passed. I will thank you to
inform me if you have ~~any~~
proof pieces of any previous
Coinage of Silver Dollars.
 Hoping you may favor
me with a reply.

I am Yours Respy

To The Director of the R. I. Brown

W. H. Hix

Philadelphia
Pa

Silver Dollar
Proofs

200

R. D. Brown
La Crosse
Wis
Feb 27/78

Enquirer about
new proof silver
dollar - and of
previous silver
dollars

Rec. Feb 27/78

H. E. GARTH,
President.

J. C. NEELY,
Vice-Pres't.

MARTIN GRIFFIN
Cashier.

German National Bank of Memphis,

Memphis, *July 27* 1879
W. S. Mint Esq., ~~Cashier~~:
Philadelphia
Pa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I hand you our
No. _____ on the Chemical National
Bank, New York, for \$500 —
Exchange, _____

Amount Collections received in yours of
For which please send
us 5 cent nickels as
soon as you can

@ 5/5/79 *Returned draft*
500 —
Very Respectfully,

Martin Griffin,
Cashier.

Germans

Memphis, Tenn.

Feb. 27th, 1879.

Martin Griffin,

Cash^r German Nat. Bk.

Transmits \$500 draft
for minor coinage.

This draft was overlooked
in the vault, among the
papers left by the late Super-
intendent, & discovered only
May 5th 1879. Meanwhile the
Cash^r wrote about it, & rec^d
reply of April 12th, that it
had not been delivered.
A duplicate draft was
received April 18th, & minor
coinage sent as directed.
The original draft was re-
turned May 5th.

Filed May 5th, 1879.

Treasury Department
United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,
Office of the Director of the Mint
~~SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,~~

Copy.

February 21st, 1879.

Hon James Pollock.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia. Pa

Sir.

x x

x x

x x

x x

I have therefore to request that you will cause the accounts between your self and the operative officers to be balanced so as to determine the amount of bullion in there Custody

It will not be necessary to weigh the bullion in the hands of the operative officers, nor to have a transfer of the amount made by them to you but the incoming Superintendent will receipt-

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

....., 1877 .

to you for so much bullion in the hands of
the operative officers to be accounted for by them.
It will be necessary for Yourself and Mr. Snowden, to
agree upon some definite plan and time as to
the manner of weighing the bullion and counting
the coin to be transferred by you to him. You will
please ~~to~~ take his receipt in duplicate for all
bullion and coin, as well as the property of the
Mint, and forward the Original to this office
and retain the duplicate

Very Respectfully
(Signed) J. E. Preston.

Acting Director

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

February 27th, 1879.

Sir,

Your letter of the 26th instant, asking for a modification of the instructions from this office relative to the transfer of the Bullion and Coin on hand to your successor in office, has been received.

In reply I have to state that you will regard the said instructions so modified as to comply with your request.

I am Sir, very respectfully

Hon James Pollock

R. C. Preston

Superintendent &c,

Acting Director

Philadelphia Pa.

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A. D. K.

(R. V. Weston)

Feb 27/79

Modifying the Acting
Director's Instructions of
Feb 21, relative to the
transfer of the Bulletin
or Com to the incoming
Superintendent

[1 Enclosure]

Recd Feb 28/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *Feb'y 28th*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of
3rd of September last, and 30th October
1878, relative to shorts in the accounts
of transfer of five cent nickel pieces
between the Assistant Treasurer at Phila.
and yourself, I have to inform you
that the decision of the Department is
that you should make good to Mr.
Cyser, the amount of shorts claimed
by him, viz- 37¢.

I have therefore to respectfully request
that you will comply with the decision
in this case.

Very Respectfully,
R. C. Preston
Acting Director

A.D.W.
 (R. L. Keating)
 Feb 28/79

Referring to Sept. letter
 of Sept. 30 & Oct. 30, last
 Sept directed to pay
 to Asst Treas. U. S. at
 Phila. \$7 & Shantage
 in silver coins.

Recd Mar 1/79



JOHN E. BENTON, P. M.
F. W. CUSHING, Ass't P. M.

Oakland, Alameda Co., Cal., Feb 28 1879

Cashier. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa
Dear Sir,

A friend of mine has a silver dollar of 1804 in excellent condition, which he will sell for a good consideration. he has heard of their scarcity and of the high value placed on them. If you know of anyone wanting such a coin, or hear of anyone wishing to purchase such a coin, will you be kind enough to give them my address.

Respectfully Yours
F. W. Cushing.
Ass't. P.M.

7.

F. W. Cushing, Esq
Asst. P.M.
Oakland, Cal.
Feb 28/79

Reports a silver dollar
of 1804, in Excellent
condition, in the hands
of a friend, for sale,
and enquires for pur-
chaser.

Recd Mch 7/79

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/FEBRUARY (CONT.)

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/MARCH

Office of U. S. Assayer,

Charlotte, N. C., March 1st, 1879.

Hon. Jas. Pollock, Sup. U.S. Mint, Philadelphia,

Sir:

I have the honor
to enclose Statement of Permit. No. 21 of unparted Bars
of this Office purchased on Govt. of U. S. for
Coinage.

Your Obedt. Servant,

Calvin Hawley

Assayer in chg.

Received March 4th / 79

W. S. Cortman

Recy. Clerk

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OFFICE OF U. S. ASSAYER,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.,

March 1st, 1879.

Calvin J. Bowles
Assayer.

Enclosed Mem. & ~~for~~
bulletin for U. S. & reg-
-istered mail - remittance
No. 24 - 57.1801, \$996.00.

D.R. #314,

Mem. for \$995.92
mailed Mch 6/79.

No. of Enclosures, 1

Recd Mch 3/79

Bethlehem, Pa

March 1 1879

My dear Sir.

H. G. B. Linderman
is anxious to obtain
one of the medals of
the annual assay, this
year, as a memorial
of his brother Dr. Henry
Linderman. Can you
facilitate the matter
and oblige yours

W. W. Chandler.

Hon James Pollock. Esq.

2511

Rev

W. H. Chandler
Bethlehem, Pa.

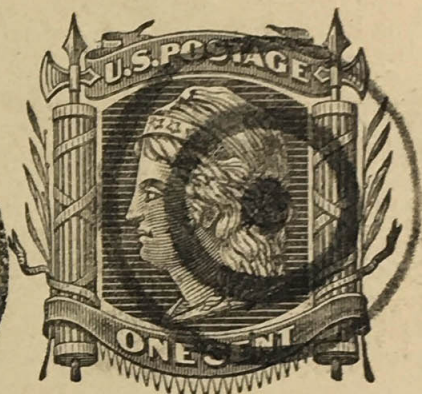
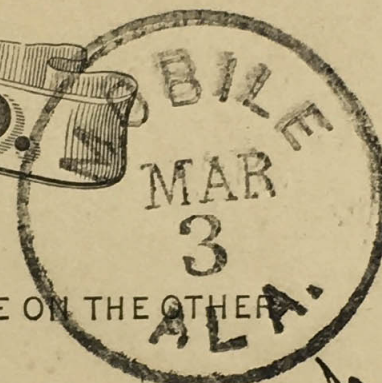
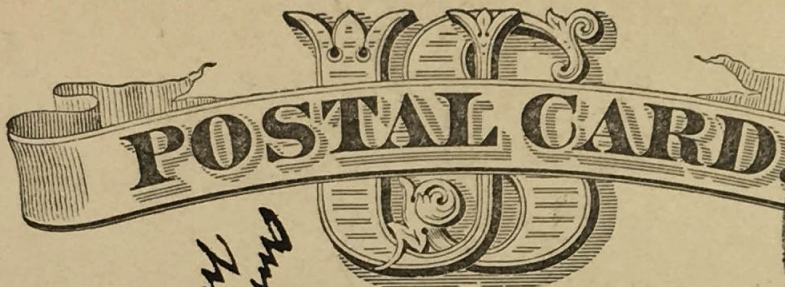
Mch 1/79

To Ex-Supt ~~Bethlehem~~
Pollock

Dr. G. B. Linderman
is anxious to obtain
one of the last Annual
Assay Medals, on Ac-
count of his Brother
the late Director
Linderman.

1879

Recd Mch 3/79



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Ans March 6/79

*Ans
March 6/79*

*Superintendent U S Mint
Philadelphia
Penn*

*Inquiring the value
of Mexican
dollars.*

March 27/79

Stamelen & Co Mobile

Mobile Mch 3^d
79

Dear Sir

Do you buy Mexican
Silver Dollars? If so please
quote us price you are paying

Yours truly

Harrison & Co
Mobile Ala

Box 149 -

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *March 1*, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. Mint U. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th ultimo, transmitting a statement of coinage executed at your Mint during the month of February, 1879.

Very respectfully
R. A. Preston
Acting Director.

2506.

A. D. Bell
(R. S. Preston)
March 1. 1879

Rec'd. Coinage
Statement for the
Month of February,
1879.

Rec'd. March 3/79

POST OFFICE.

—IN—
HARRIS BROTHERS'
Hardware Store.

J. W. HARRIS, P. M.

Guthrie, Guthrie County, Ia., $\frac{3}{3}$ 1879

Dear Sir

What are the one
cent pieces of 1858 & 1859
worth? = they say the one
cent pieces of 1858 have $33\frac{1}{3}$ cents
of gold in them = I have
some to send for redemption
= I have 115 of them = Please
be so kind as to let me hear
I remain = Yours Truly
J. W. Harris

9.

W. M. Harris
Guthrie, Iowa

.. Mch 3/79

Enquire the value
of 1 of pieces of 1857, 1858
They are said to con-
tain gold.

Recd Mch 7/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *March 2^d*, 1879.

Sir;

I have received yours of the 28th ultimo,
transmitting a statement of minor coins redeemed, re-
issued and exchanged during the month of February 1879.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director

Superintendent Mint - U.S.

Philadelphia Pa.

2.

A.D.M.
(R. S. Keister)
Mch 3/79

Received Statement
of Minor Coins, redeemed,
re-issued & exchanged,
for the month of Feb-
ruary, 1879.

Rec Mch 4/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 30, 1879.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 1st instant,
transmitting a statement of Union Coinage operations
for the month of February ultimo.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Superintendent Mint - U.S.

Philadelphia Pa.

A. D. W.
(R. V. Preston)
Mch 3/79

Recd Statement of
Mina Comago opera-
-tions for the month of
Februry 1879

Recd Mch 14/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 3^d, 1879.

Sir;

As per request contained in your letter of the 1st instant, I send you by today's mail a supply of Blank forms for the Coiner's Gold and Silver workings.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director

Superintendent Mint U.S.

Philadelphia Pa.

3.

A D M
(R S Keatinge)
Mch 3/79

Blank forms
for
Coiner

Forwards by mail
a supply of blanks
for the Coiner's press
and Silver Workings.

Recd Mch 4/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *March 3^d, 1879.*

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a. Pa.
Sir:

*Your bond as Superintendent
of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.,
has been approved and transmitted
to the First Comptroller of the Treasury
for file in that office.*

Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director,

A. D. M.

(R. E. Keeler)

March 3, 1879

Supt Snowden

Book has been ap-
 - proved & transmitted
 to the First Comptroller
 of the Treasury to be filed
 in his office.

Rec'd March 4/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 3^d, 1879.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st instant,
transmitting a synopsis of the Engineers Log for the
month of February 1879.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Superintendent-Mint U.S.

Philadelphia Pa.

Acting Director.

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A. D. K.
(R. E. Kenton)
Mch 3. 1879

Rec Synopsis of
Engineers Log for
the month of February,
1879.

Rec Mch 4/79

A. D. K.
Engineers Log —

Toccoa Ga March 3. 79

To the Treasurer of the U S Mint

Dear Sir

will you be kind enough to inform
me what I can realize in American
coin ^{at the mint in Philadelphia} for the coin known as the Mexican
dollar. also the Spanish dollar. and any
other that comonly circulates through this
country. also the value of the Californian
trade dollar, by so doing you will
confer a great favor on yours

Most respectfully

R Green

Habersham County, Toccoa City
Georgia

R. Green,
Toccoa, Ga.
March 3. 1879

Enquires what he
can realize at the
Mint, in American
Coin, for the Mexican
and Spanish and
Trade Dollars.

Recd Mch 5/79

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, March 3, 1879.

Sir:

For \$124,999 ⁹¹/₁₀₀ received, as per yours of the

I inclose duplicate Certificate of

Deposit No. 658, on account of Transfer from Bullion
Fund.

One hundred twenty-four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine ⁹¹/₁₀₀ Dollars.

Very respectfully,

Samuel H. Freeman

Treasurer U. S.

Gen. Pollock, Supt.

U. S. Mint,

Phila.

Pa.

7.
Treasurer U. S.
(Gieffellam)
Oct 3/79

Transfer draft —

Enclosing dupli-
cates C.D. No. 658,
in full transfer from
Public Fund,
\$124,999⁹¹

Recd Oct 4/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 3, 1879

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.

Supt. Mint of Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans has been instructed to transmit Special Assay Coins of the coinage of his Mint to your Mint, monthly by registered mail.

You will please cause these coins, when received, to be weighed and assayed, and the results reported to this Office and to the Superintendent at New Orleans, conformably to Section 9. p. 20 - Instructions and Regulations.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

1.

A. D. W.
(R. E. Peckham)
Mch 3/79

Spent
Assay coin
from N. O. —

Special assay coins
from the N. O. Mint
will be forwarded
monthly to the Phila
delphia ^{by registered mail} Mint, to be weighed &
assayed, & the results
reported to the Director
of the Mint, & to the
Supt of the N. O. Mint.
under Sect 9. p. 20,
Instructions and
Regulations.

Rec Mch 4/79

Agency

Bank of British North America,

52 Wall Street,

P.O. BOX 115.

New York ⁵⁴³ Feb 24 1879

The Director

U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir We shall be obliged
if you will kindly furnish
us for the use of a valued
constituent, a copy of your
latest report. Thanking you
in

1.
Wm. M. Hollins, Esq
New York
Dec 3. 1879

Requesting copy
of Directors last
Annual Report.

Recd Dec 4/79

in anticipation

I am Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

W^m McCallister

Nathan Trotter & Co.
Importers of Tin Plate,
No. 36. North Front St.

Philad^a Mar 4th 1879

Mr James C Booth.
Philadelphia,

Dear Sir.

In reply to your favor of
even date, we beg to advise
that we can furnish you
10,000 lbs of Best "Lake" Copper
which in our opinion is
fully equal to the "Minnesota",
and will without a doubt
answer your purpose @ $15\frac{7}{8}^{\text{c}}$
per lb.

Your order for Zinc will have
our prompt attention.

Awaiting favors

Respectfully

Yours Truly
Nathan Trotter & Co

1 1/2

Copper.

Nathan Trotter & Co.

Philadelphia

March 4. 1879

to

M. & R.

In reply to inquiry
of 4th inst. Can furnish
10,000 lbs. best Lake
Copper @ .15 7/8¢ per lb.

M & R's order for
fine with receive
prompt attention)

Rec'd March 4/79

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company **TRANSMITS** and **DELIVERS** messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message.

Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of **Unrepeated Messages**.

This message is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE** and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Sept 9 1874

Received at

To Prof. Jas. C. Booth
Mint

fifteen and three
quarters cents per
word delivered per
at the mint free
charge for packages.
Paper Collect.

16 ps

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE
S. E. Cor, Broad & Chestnut Sts.,

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

Copper.

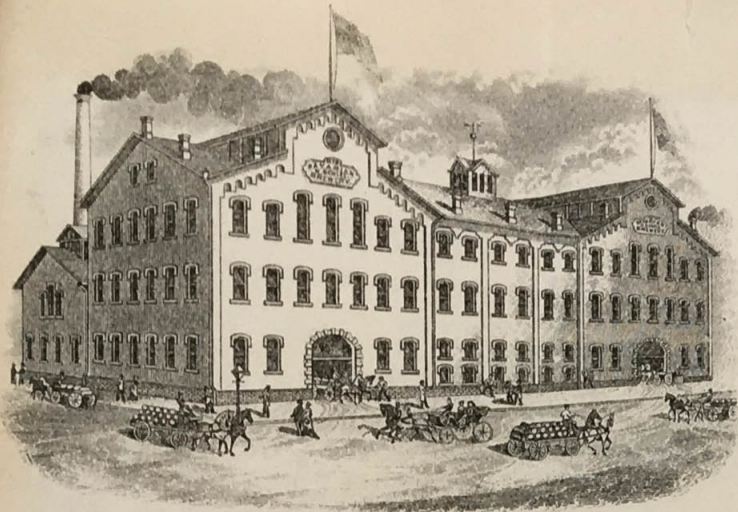
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Pope, Cole & Co.
43 Baltimore Md
Mch 4/79.
to
A. S. R.

(Telegram)

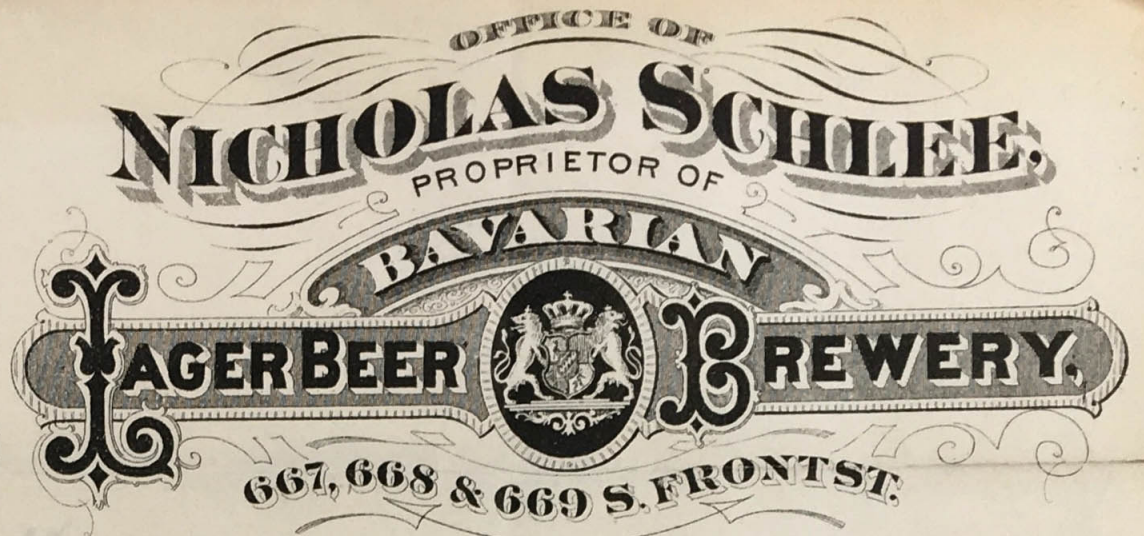
. 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ q. for lb (for
Copper) delivered from
at the mint - no charge
for packages

Recd Mch 4/79



PAYMENT BY BANK CHECK, DRAFT,
EXPRESS OR REGISTERED LETTER.

The Calvert Lith. Co. Detroit.



Columbus, O. March 4. 1879

Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Dear Sir:

Please inform me what the exact value of
a Mexican Dollar is, also what you would give
for one in return

Yours Very Respectfully
N. Schlee

10.
N. Schlee
Columbus, G.
March 4/79

Enquires the value
of Mexican Dollar,

Recd March 7. 179

ESTABLISHED 1841

Office of **C. H. GARDEN & CO.**

MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

HATS, CAPS, FURS, GLOVES, BONNETS, STRAW & MILLINERY GOODS.

606 & 608 MARKET ST.

Philadelphia 2/5th 1879
To Supt. of United States ^{Min}
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

What will Mexican
dollars bring? or what can they
be received for? an early answer
will oblige

Yours Truly

C. H. Garden & Co.

6.
C. H. Gaudent & Co.
606 Market St
Philad March 5/79

Inquiring the
Value of Mexican
dollars.

Recd March 6/79

607.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 5, 1879.

Sir:

Of \$ #4927 for \$17.⁶⁹, on account
of Parting and Refining and Bar Charges,
enclosed in your communication of the
4th inst., has been received and forwarded
to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
Howard C. Branchard
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

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D. M.

(Nathaniel B. Burchard)

March 5. 1879

Acknowledging
receipt of C/D No
4927 for \$817.⁶⁷
in full of Particulars
Refining & Blue
charges.

Recd. Mch 6/79

Cashier.

(Accounts—Form N—Advance.)

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, March 5, 1879.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Draft No. 6542

on Treasury Warrant No. 577, for \$37,000⁰⁰

payable to the order of yourself as Supt. US Mus—

and accountable for under the following appropriations, viz:

1879 Sal^y US Mus—at Philadelphia

3500

" Wages of Workmen "

~~235~~
23500

" Contingents of US Mus— "

10000

Very respectfully,

Joe H. Fiegan

Treasurer U. S.

A. S. Snowden

Philadelphia

Pa

(This letter of advice is to be forwarded to the Disbursing Officer or Agent.)

OK. 5

Credited as directed, March 6, 1879.

Treasurer U. S.

(Lepellan)

March 5/79

Transmitting
draft No. 6542.
for \$37,000. from
current appropriations
for the support of the
Mint during the
present month,
March

Recd Mch 6/79

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 5, 1879.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint for the present month has been approved for the sum of Thirty-seven Thousand Dollars, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution for the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1879	3,500. -
Wages of Workmen	"	23,500. -
Contingent Expenses	"	10,000. -

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to make the same "Special", and will endeavor to have a draft for the amount

mailed you this week.

In this connection I would say that in paying bills for expenses contracted during the incumbency of your predecessor in office, it will be necessary to have his approval on the same, except when the purchases were made for one of the operative Departments.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Purchase
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

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9.

D. M.

Horatio C. Buchanan

March 5/79

Requisition for \$37,000.
for the current months
expenses, rec^d & supplied &
made "Special" draft
will be mailed this week.

Bill, contracted for
the general department under
late Supt must be app^d
by him.

Rec^d Mch 6/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *March 6, 1879.*

Sir:

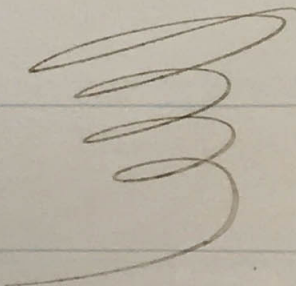
I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, payable from the appropriation for "Parting Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burdett
Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

Supt. U. Mint.

Philadelphia.



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D.M.

Walter F. Burchard
March 6, 1879

Have requested the
Secy. Treas., to advance
\$500. from the appin
for packing & despatching
bullion.

Recd Mch 7/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 6, 1879.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your Refinery Expense Account, abstracts
and Vouchers, for the period embraced
between the 1st day of February, and 3rd day
of March, 1879; also, your Statement
of Medal Fund Account and Vouchers
from January 1st to March 3rd, 1879.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burdick

Director.

Wm. James Pollock,
Late Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

D. W.

Horatio C. Burchard
 to March 6/79
Exr Supt Pallock

Recd Refinery Expense
 a/c, abstract & vouchers
 from 1st Feb @ 3rd Mch/79
 Also statement of Mideal
 Fund a/c & vouchers from
 1st Jan'y @ 3rd Mch/79

Recd Mch 7/79

P.E.R.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 6th, 1879.

Sir;

I have to request that you will forward to this office a statement showing the loss on light-weight Gold coin transferred to your mint from the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York for recoinage in February last, by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Horatio B. Churchill

A. Loudon Snowden Esq

Director

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia Pa.

18.

D.M.

Walter C. Burchard
March 6/79

Regmt to statement of
loss on light weight
gold coin from the
Asst Treas. at N.Y.
for coinage in
February last.

Recd Mch 7/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 6th, 1879.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this office a statement showing the approximate amount of "Profits on the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at your Mint that can be paid into the Treasury.

Very respectfully
Horatio E. Burchard
Director

A. Gordon Snowden Esq
Genl Mntg
Philadelphia

19.

D. M.

Horatio C. Burchard
March 6/79

Requests Statement
of approximate amount
of profits on St. Louis
Dollars that can be
paid into the Treas-
-ury.

Recd March 7/79

SAB
In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, March 6th 1879.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., stating that you have receipted to your predecessor for \$214.¹³/₁₀₀ in Counterfeit minor coins, and asking how the coin may be eliminated from the account. I know of no way in which it can be done except by a deposit of good money in place of the counterfeit. I do not think you should have receipted to your predecessor for counterfeits of any description whatever.

Very respectfully,

Joe S. Sweeney

Treasurer U.S.

A. London Snowden Esq.

Superintendent of the Mint,

Philadelphia. Pa.

Treasurer U. S.
 (Gilfillan)
 March 6/79

Stating that \$214¹³
 in Committed mine coins
 rec'd from Capt Snowden's
 predecessor can only be elim-
 inated from the account by
 putting that amounty good
 money in its place. A
 receipt should not have
 been given for any Committed
 -funds.

Rec'd Mch 7/79

Brooklyn, Mar. 29, 1879.

Mr. Jas. Pollock,

Sir, — I write to ascertain the price of the 1879 proof set of silver, etc.

By letting me know, you will greatly oblige,

Yours, etc.,

John G. Dater,
307 Adelphi St.,
Brooklyn,
N. Y.

Ch/31/

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John G. Dater
Brooklyn, N. Y.
March 29/79

Enquires pricing
Silicon proof set for
1879.

am^d March 31/79

Red March 31/79

St Elmo
Fayette Co
Ills

March 26/79

Dr Sir - What are
Mexican Dollars worth
to day as Bullion - also
what will they be worth
about Apr 1st 8th
Payable by Check or
Gold or Silver, Check
preferred, - and what
is the smallest amount
need at one time,

Please answer
and Oblige

J. H. Damm

@ 3/28/79

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J. F. Davis

St. Elmo, Ill.

March 26/79

Inquiring the bul-
-tim value of Mex-
-ican Dollars

Ans^d March 28/79

Rec^d March 28/79

Baltimore March 20 1879

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir -

A party with whom I am connected is sinking shafts upon some Gold Lands in Va. We have struck the veins and are following them, to more depth.

As we progress we desire to have ^{assays} ~~an assay~~ made of the quartz - and I have been informed that we can have them made at the U.S. Mint.

Please inform me whether or not I have been correctly informed - and if so, what would be the expense for testing for gold only -

Can you give me a cheap and easy mode for testing for presence of gold - which we can do at the mines? Or merely to determine the presence or not of gold -

Your attention to this will greatly oblige
Very Truly Yrs

L. S. White

79 1/2 Second St

Baltimore

@ 3/21

FREDERICKSBURG WATER POWER.

63.
L. S. White
Baltimore, Md.
March 20, 1879.

Wants Gold & Silver
assayed. Engineers of them
& any cheap way of
assaying or as the firm
themselves - no of de
termining the presence
of gold.

This magnificent and substantial Water Power, equal to that of Lowell, Mass., and unsurpassed in this country, is located at

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

The Dam is constructed entirely across the Rappahannock River. The Canal, which is about one and a half miles in length, leads from the dam across a beautiful plateau to the edge of the city, terminating at a high bluff, which extends along the River Bank, affording many magnificent mill sites, most of which are owned by the Water Power Company.

The material facts of this Power are as follows:

Length of Dam,	-	-	-	-	900 Feet.
Height	"	-	-	-	18 "
Fall—having two levels,	-	-	-	-	48½ "

4,000 HORSE POWER.

The Water Power Company will sell or lease mill sites and lease

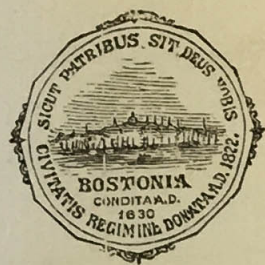
power
Upon very Reasonable and Satisfactory Terms.

For further particulars address the President of the Company.

Hon. JNO. L. MARYE, Counsellor,
JOHN E. TACKETT, Superintendent
LEVI S. WHITE, President.
Baltimore, Md.
Fredericksburg, Va.

Ans & Mch
21/79

Recd Mch 21/79



BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

30 PEMBERTON SQUARE.

Boston, March 18 1879

Sup^r of U. S. Mint

Sir

Will you oblige me by
sending me information on the following?

1. Can an individual send to the Mint
old gold and silver for assay, and receive
pay for the product?
2. Is there any rule as to the amounts
to be sent?
3. Can it be sent by Express?

Yours Resp^{ly}

J. M. Wightman

@ 3/21

J. M. Wightman,
Boston, Mass
March 18/79

Inquire the terms
on which gold and
silver can be coined.

Ans^d Mch 21/79

Rec^d Mch 21/79

Banking and Collection House

OF

S. S. Davis & Co.

Dealers in Gold, Exchange, Bank Notes, U. S. Bonds, &c.

No. 61 West Third Street,

Sup^t Cincinnati, March 15th 1879
 of U.S. Mint
 Phila Pa

Dear Sir In the year
 1868 (Probably June, July, or Aug) the Adams
 Express Co took to your Mint
 for Samuel Bleakes some Gold dust
 for coinage & return here.

I introduced Mr B - to the Express
 Co. and now am interested through
 a law suit in knowing the amt
 of gold in said shipment at
 the time of shipment.

It was either about \$2000 or
 about \$4000. - I think about \$2200.
 If you will give me the above
 information you will oblige

Yours Truly
 S. S. Davis

58.

J. S. Davis,
Cincinnati, O.

Feb 15/79

Enquiry about
gold dust Samuel
Bleaker sent to the
Mint in 1868, by the
Adams Express Co. for
coinage.

Ans^r Feb 21/79

Recd Feb 21. 1879

March the ^{10th} 1879

Mr Jas follock Dear sir I have sent a
sample of ~~ores~~ ores offering to sell to the
mint if they are valuable there is two
packages all belonging to each package comes
out together you can see they are of different
formations I neede not inform you that I have
but little education nor I do not know much
about meattles all of do know about them I
learnt from Grays writings and if this combi-
nation is valuable I believe that we have
some of the richest mining country that
ever has been discovered if any man wishes to
search for this kind of ores I can lease a very great
amount of lands for this kind of meattles
so that I can sell leased at moderate prices
if any of those ores are valuable let me
hear from you

R A Wilson Otego post office
mushkingum county Ohio

Clay & sand, with
a tinge of iron
may be found almost
every where

Jas follock of
the us mint at
phil pa

@ 3/21/79

56.

R. A. Wilson

Otsego, Q

March 10/79

Sending sample
of ore for examination.

Ans March 21/79

Recd March 21 1879

2. 2 of 2000 L.R. 31

Instruct "No Protest" on all Collections, unless you wish them protested for non-acceptance and Non-payment.

THE AULL SAVINGS BANK.

GEORGE WILSON, President.

GEO. WILSON, Jr., Cashier.

JO. A. WILSON, Ass't Cashier.

Lexington, Missouri, *Mar 10* 187*9*

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

What will you give
for Mexican dollars in Ameri-
can half dollars? Will you
pay express charges either
way?

Reply

G. A. Wilson

ans 14th

Instruct "No Protest" on all Collections, unless you wish them protested for non-acceptance and Non-payment.

THE AULL SAVINGS BANK.

GEORGE WILSON, President.

GEO. WILSON, Jr., Cashier.

JO. A. WILSON, Ass't Cashier.

Lexington, Missouri, Mar 10 1879

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

What will you give
for Mexican dollars in Ameri-
can half dollars? Will you
pay express charges either
way?

Respy
Geo. Wilson

Ans 14th

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Geo. Wilson, Jr
Lexington Ms.
March 10/79

Enquire the value
of Mexican Dollars
in American Half
Dollars; Can the latter
pay the postage.

Ans March 14/79

Recd March 14/79

© 1stGreensboro, Ala., March 8th, 1879Assayer of the Mine,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir: Will you be so kind as to advise me what amount of silver is contained in the Mexican dollar, or in other words, what that coin is worth at the mine?

The information will be highly appreciated.

Yours Truly
Alex. H. Williams

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Alex^r H. Williams, Esq.
Greensboro Ala
March 8/79

Enquires the extent
value of the Mexican
dollar.

(Ans March 13/79)

Recd March 13/79

Detroit March 8th 1879

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

and 171

Honored Sir -

I believe that my
name is upon the books of your office as
one of the Coin Collectors of the Country and
that I thereby have the privilege of applying
direct to you for any United States Coins
that you are at liberty to dispose of.

In the past year or so I have not been
able to keep up my collection but wish
to bring it down to date -

Will you therefore be kind enough to inform
me the prices of Silver Proof Sets for the
years 1876, 1877 & 1878 - and also the
Small Proof Set for years 1876, 1877, 1878
& 1879. Also whether uncirculated Dollars
(so called) for those years can be procured.
How shall remittances be made?

Yours Very Truly E. S. Wright
415 Jefferson Ave.
Detroit Mich

23.

E. B. Wright
Detroit, Mich.

March 8/79

Enquirer for Silver
money sets for the years
1876-78, inclusive.

Also minor coin sets
for 1876-79, inclusive,
and uncirculated
Dollars for the same
years.

Am^d March 12/79

Rec^d March 12/79

Dear Sir

Will you kindly advise me
whether the Gold & Silver proof coins
for 1879 are ready for delivery, and
inform me of their price. I wish
also to purchase any experimental coins
you may be willing to furnish.

Yours
D S Wilson
Phil. F. 1879

D. S. WILSON, ESQ.,
AT FORT PITT BANK,
PITTSBURGH,
PA.

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Dr. J. Wilson
Pittsburg Pa
Dec 8/79

Engraving for proof set
7/1879 & price.

ans & Dec 10/79

Rec'd Dec 10/79

Lincoln County

Payetteville Tennessee
March 7th, 1879

Recd 10
Ans 11

Sir

I wish to know the bullion value
of the Mexican silver dollar, how much
a piece for full weight, and also what
the Mexican and other foreign silver
coins are worth per oz

Also to know if the Mint will
exchange the American standard dollar
for foreign coins at the bullion value
of the same. (I mean the bullion
value of the foreign coins)

Very respectfully
Amos Douthat Junr.

Sr

Superintendent U S Mint
Philadelphia

Pa) I have stamp for reply

17.

Wm B. Dartt to Mr
Fayetteville, Tenn
March 7/79

Enquire the bullion
value of Mexican
Dollar & Foreign silver
Coin.

Ans^d Mch 11/79

Rec^d Mch 10/79

Miscellaneous letters

Reid by

Superintendent

March 1879

The Mint of the United States

AT

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

March 7, 1879.

Sir:

In obedience to instructions from the Director of the Mint I inclose herewith two Standard Silver dollars, being the special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in February and March respectively, as required by paragraph 9 on page 20, Book of Instructions.

Very respectfully

H. T. Foote

Superintendent

Hon A. Lowden Snowden

Supt. U S Mint

Philadelphia Penn.

Received the above

March 12. 1879 W. E. DuBois
assayer

The Mint of the United States

AT

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

March 7, 1879.

H. S. Foster

Superintendent.

Enclosing 2 Mt
Silver dollars for test
assay, from 1st den
livings in Febry &
March, respectively,

No. of Enclosures, 2

Recd Mt 17/79

The United States Assay Office

AT

HELENA, MONTANA,

Q 3/19

March 7, 1879.

Sir
On shipments of Gold Bullion made to you from this Office, please forward to me as soon as melted, assayed and value calculated a "Memorandum of Gold Deposit" that I may know at once how I stand in reference to it. The shipment I made January 25th 1879 I have not heard a word from in any way whatever.

Very respectfully

To
Russell B. Harrison
The Superintendent of Assayer in Charge
The Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia Pa.

69.

The United States Assay Office

AT

HELENA, MONTANA,

March 7, 1879.

Russell B. Harrison
Assayer in Charge.

Subject: Has not heard
from his first shipment
of Gold Bullion
25 Jan'y 1879 -
Always wants Mem.
of deposit, sent at
once.

Am. Mch 19/79

No. of Enclosures —

Rec'd Mch 19/79

JAMES BUELL, President.
E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

EDWARD TOWNSEND, Ass't Cashier.
G. VAN DERWERKER, Ass't Cashier.

The Importers' & Traders' National Bank

OF NEW YORK.

FEB 7 1879

New York,

Esq., Cashier,

Dear Sir:

We have this day received yours of the 6 inst., with
enclosures therein as stated; have also received check from

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\$

for your credit when paid.

We forward you by Express, \$

We return unpaid \$ Fees, \$

We return \$

Yours respectfully,

E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier,

By

A. C. Enkin

We yesterday rec'd advice from the
Treas. U.S. that the silver was
returned for currency sent to them
by City. Nath. Pugh. Des Moines, Iowa.
We were not aware of this at
the time we wrote you.

E. H. Perkins, Jr. Cash

Inspector & Receiver
National Bank

Feb 7/79

Recd notice from
Genl. W. S. that the
Silver inquired about
was for City Natl
Bk Des Moines, Iowa.

Recd Feb 8/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 7, 1879.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Refinery Expense Account for the month of February, 1879.

I have also properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury O.D. # 4926, for \$29.⁷⁶, being the unexpended balance of funds advanced you for Refinery expenses.

Horatio C. Brainerd

Very respectfully,

Hon. James Pollock,
Late Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Director.

2514

H. M.

Horatio T. Burchard
March 7. 1878
to
Ex. Supt Pollock.

Recd & received Refinery
Expenses for February 1879.
Have also forwarded
to the Secy Treasry C/P. #4926,
for \$429.76, unexpended balance
of funds advanced for covering
expenses.

Recd Mch 8/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 7th, 1879.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing a statement of the silver purchased at your mint from the 23^d to the 28th of February ultimo.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Horatio A. Burdwell

A. Loudon Snowden Esq

Director.

Superintendent - Mint,

Philadelphia Pa.

D.M.

Horatio Burchard
 Mch 7/79

Recd Statement of
 Silver purchased
 Jan 23 @ 28 Feb. 1/79

Recd Mch 8/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

March 7, 1879.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Coiners and Superintendents' Reports of
Coins made and sold from January 1, 1879,
to the 1st inst.

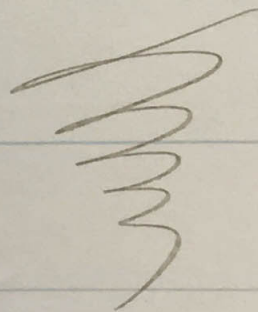
Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Birchard

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.



23.

D. M.

Walter S. Bushnell

March 7/79

Rec. Coiners and
Supts reports
Coins made and sold
from 1st Jan'y to 1st Mch.,
1879.

Rec Mch 8779

Lapton, Berks Co., Pa.
Mch 8th 1879

Dear Sir:-

Please have the kindness
to mail to my address a
copy of "The Annual
Report of the Mint for 1878,"
and oblige.

Yours Respy
Geo. W. Geist

Director Mint, Phila,

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Geo. W. Geist
Reading Pa
Mch 8/79

Wants a copy
of Directors annual
report for 1878

[Copy mailed
Mch 10/79]

Recd Mch 10/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March, 8, 1879.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Expense Account for the month of
February, 1879.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burdett
Director.

Hon. James Pollock.
Late Supt. U. Mint.
Philadelphia.

2517

D. M.

Horatio C. Burchard

to March 8/79
Ex = Supt Pollock

Rec'd ordinary Expense
of Feb 1879.

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Rec'd Mch 10/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 8, 1879.

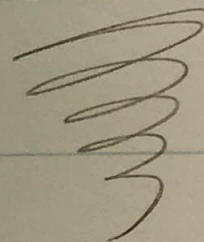
Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement your Medal Fund Accounts for the Fourth Quarter of the calendar year 1878, and for the period embraced between January 1, 1879 and the date of your relinquishment of the office of Superintendent of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Branch

Director.

Wm. James Pollock,
Late Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.



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(D.W.)

Horatio F. Burchard
March 8. 1879

Recd & refused Medal
Trend up for 4th Quarter
1878 & from 1 Jan'y/79
to 3 Dec/79.

Rec Mch 10/79

W.H.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *March 8, 1879.*

Sir:

I think that your entry upon the office of Superintendent of the Mint would be a suitable time to make certain changes in the manner of keeping and rendering your Medal Fund Account, which I have to suggest.

Under the system at present in force the Superintendent is not charged with the value of the proof sets in his Medal Fund Account, but only with the profits made on the sets sold. He should charge himself with the full amount received for the proof sets, just as he does for medals, and should credit

himself with the face value of the sets received from the Printer, upon bills rendered by that officer.

In rendering bills for the manufacture of Medals I find that the Printer calculates the value of the Silver at \$1.25 per Standard Oz. - (about its value in subsidiary silver coin), - whereas the present coining rate of silver, at which he is charged with all silver received from the Superintendent, is only \$1.16 $\frac{4}{11}$, from which it would appear that there is a clear gain to his accounts of about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents on every standard ounce of silver made into Medals.

I would suggest that as this is hardly a legitimate source of gain, he calculate,

hereafter, the value of the Silver in Medals
struck at the present coining rate of
Silver, viz: $1.16\frac{4}{11}$ per Pt. oz.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

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28.

D. M.

Horatio C. Burdick

March 8/79

Suggesting impor-
tant changes in the
mode of keeping and
rendering the Medal
Fund Account; &
the Silver in medals
should be changed at
 $116 \frac{4}{11}$ per oz. standard,
instead of ~~112~~.

Recd Mch 10/79

P. 210

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 8th, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock
late - Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3^d instant, enclosing statement of Old Material sold, from Jan. 1st to Mch. 1st 1879 inclusive, has been received.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burdett
Director

2525

Dr. M.

Harold B. Trenchard

to March 8/79

Ex. Supt. Pallock

Recd Statement of
all material sold
from 1st Jan'y @ 1st Mch.
1879.

Recd Mch 10/79

Adams Express Company

Pennsylvania Division.
Central Express
New Jersey Express Company.

Superintendent's Office,

622 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, 8th March 1879.

F. Lovejoy,
Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Thompson informs me that you object to approving our bill, as rendered for the past month, for the transportation of coin. I do not imagine that you care to examine the account in order to ascertain the correctness of the distances and calculations, but I shall thank you to verify the accuracy of the amounts of the various shipments and the destinations, leaving the task of certifying to the correctness of the distances and charges to the officials at Washington: after which we shall transmit the statement to Washington, (or you may do so if you prefer) to get the proper officer in the Treasury Department to authenticate the calculations, when I

trust you will feel at liberty to pay the amount.

very respectfully,

F. Govejoy,

Supt.

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A. Gouden Snowden, Esq.
Superintendent,

M. S. Mint.

Adams Express Co.
Philadelphia
March 8. 1879

F. Lovejoy
Supt

Requests approval
of their bill for the transpor-
tation of Coin, for the month
of February, 1879, so far as
the accuracy of the amt^y
sent & their destination, is
concerned, leaving the
distances & charges to the
officials at Washington.

Recd March 10/79

The Mint of the United States at Denver,

OFFICE OF THE ASSAYER IN CHARGE,

Denver, Colorado, March 10th, 1879.

Sir

I have this day mailed by a. on Gov.
account, 6 packages gold bullion #73.
to 78. incl amounting to \$5064.47. as per
Schedule enclosed.

Very Respectfully
H. Wilson

Assayer in Charge

Gen. A. L. Snowden
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad. Pa.

Recd March 15th 1879

5 m. Grand for Weight Clerk

55. 57.

The Mint of the United States
AT DENVER,

March 10, 1879.

N. Silver

Assayer in Charge.

Subject: Enclosing Schedule
of 6 pkgs gold bullion Nos. 73
@ 78, inclusive \$5,064.⁴⁷
by registered mail in 4c U. S.

D. R. #368.

Mem, for \$5055.-
mailed March 18, 1879.

No. of Enclosures, /

Recd Mch 15/79

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 10, 1879.

Sir:

From an examination of the Ordinary ^{Wm} Account of your predecessor for the month of February, 1879, I find that the name of Hattie M. Asbury, Adjuster in the Coiners' Department of your Mint, does not appear on the payroll for last month.

I will thank you to inform me whether or not this lady is still in your employ, — and, if not, the date of her removal or resignation.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Branchard

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq. Director.

Supt. U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

30.

D.M.

Hattie C. Burchard
March 10/79

Enquires when
& why the name of
Miss Hattie M.
Astbury, was chop-
-ped from the Coll.

(ansd March 11/79)

Recd March 11/79

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 10, 1879.

Sir:

I have examined, and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account as Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for the month of February, 1879, also your Ordinary Account for the first three days of the present month.

I have also properly endorsed and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury G/S # 4928, for \$256.⁴²/₁₀₀, forwarded with your Account, being unexpended balances of ordinary funds, to be carried to the credit of the

following appropriations made for the
support of the Philadelphia Mint for
the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	189	1,325.70
Wages of Workmen	"	3,892.43
Contingent Expenses	"	38.29

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burdett
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Late Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

2578.

D. M.

Horatio B. Binsland

to March 10/79
Ex-Supt Pollock

Recd & referred Or-
dinary Expense for
Feb 1879 & first 3 days
of March 1879.

Recd March 11/79

R.R.P.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 10th, 1879.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, the sum of \$200,000.75 on account of "Profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars," and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio B. Brewster

Director

34.

D. M.

Stratton & Buchanan
March 10/79

Secy ready re-
-quire to deposit
\$200,000. st. silver
down profits in U.S.
ready to deposit audit
and the business profit
increased by a transfer
of the same amount?

Recd Mar 11/79

J.E.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 10, 1879.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th instant, transmitting Statements of "Deposits and Purchases", "Gold and Silver of Domestic Production" and "Bars manufactured" for February, 1879.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

D. M.

Horatio C. Burdick
March 10/79

Recd Statement
Deposits & Purchases,
Gold & Silver - Do -
- Native Production,
& Bars, manufactured
for the month of Feb
1879.

Recd Mch 11/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 10, 1879.

Sir:

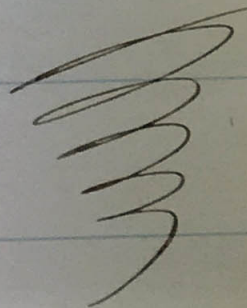
In accordance with the information contained in your communication of the 7th inst., the name of James O. Pollock, Special Assistant in the General Department of your Mint, resigned, has been dropped from the Official Register of this office from the 1st instant.

Very respectfully,
Horatio B. Brewster
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.



D. M.

Horatio F. Burchard
March 10. 1879

Acknowledges the
resignation of James
C. Pollock & Geil
asst. Mch 11/79

Rec'd Mch 11/79

R.E.P.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 10th, 1879.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th instant, enclosing statement showing loss on recoinage of light weight gold coin received from the Asst. Treasurer U.S. at New York, Feb. 21st 1879.

I will thank you to forward the usual mint memorandum of the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchanan

Director.

D. M.

Harold Bushard
March 10/79

Recd Statement
of loss of pecuniary
light gold coin from
Asst Treas of N.Y. 21st
Feb 1879.

Requests the usual
Memorandum of the
Same.

Recd March 11/79

Harold Bushard

R.E.P.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 10th, 1879

Sir,

The account of W. E. DuBois, Assayer of your Mint for one ounce proof gold and twenty ounces proof silver, amounting to \$46.53, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officer, for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted Mr DuBois.

Very respectfully
Horatio B. Churchill
Director

A. Snowden Esq
Supt Mint of
Philadelphia

D. M.

Horatio B. Burchard

March 10/79

Draft for \$46.53
 due Messrs DuBois
 for prop. for & silva
 with to found in due
 course of business,

Recd Mch 11/79

J. E.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 10, 1879.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th instant, transmitting Coiner's report of Coinage executed for the week ended March 8th 1879.

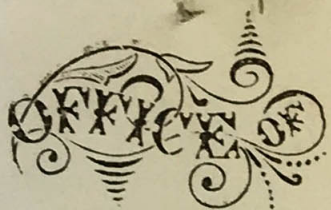
Very respectfully
Horatio B. French
Director.

H. M.

Horatio F. Burchard
March 10/79

Recd report of
Coinage presented
for the week ended
March 8. 1879

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Dr. S. R. Adams,

SURGEON DENTIST,

No. 28 TEMPLE PLACE,

Boston, March 10th 1879

U. S. Treasurer

RECEIVED
MAR 12 1879
Treasurer's Office.

Would like to
purchase Proof Set of Silver
+ Nickel Coin for 1879-
Please write me the cost of
same & I will remit -

Yours Respectfully

S. R. Adams

A202 ✓



A. H. D. M.

Adams & Co

Postu Max

Mar 10. 79

Went to purchase a

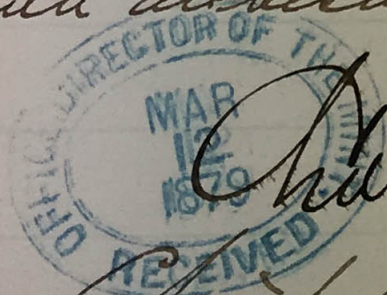
proof set of Silver

Nickel Coin for 1879

U.S. Treasury

Mar 12. 79

Copy referred to the
Director of the Mint
Writu advised



Chas L. mean
Chief Clerk

R. H. Hunt

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Mr. S. R. Adams
Boston, Mass
March 10/79

Inquire price of
Silver & Nickel proof
sets -

R.R.P. Treasury Department
Offici. Director Mint
March 12th 1879

Respectfully referred
to the Supt. of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Horatio C. Burchard
Director

Ans 13th / 79

Dr.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 11, 1879.

Sir:

Enclose herewith bills of John Reed, Saml. James and H. E. Puterbridge, Jr. employees of your Mint who have been assisting in the starting of the New Orleans Mint, for traveling expenses from New Orleans to Philadelphia, belonging to the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of that Mint for the month of February, 1879.

I find that these gentlemen have made affidavit to their accounts before the expenses were actually incurred, and as such an obligation is of no force or value. I will thank you to instruct them to make an additional

affidavit
before some person duly authorized to
administer them, as to the correctness
of their accounts and that the expenses
enumerated were actually incurred.

Very respectfully,
Horatio Burchard
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.

Supt. U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

H.M.

Horatio C. Buchanan
March 11/79

Affidavit of
John Reed, Samuel
James, & A.E. Outen &
- bridge to bill of exchange
from N.C. Mint, having
been premature, a new
affidavit is required.

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planchets should be issued from the Mint, and while an exception is made in this case, you will not consider it as a precedent to guide you, should future requests of this character be made.

Very respectfully
Horatio C Birchard
Director.

H. M.

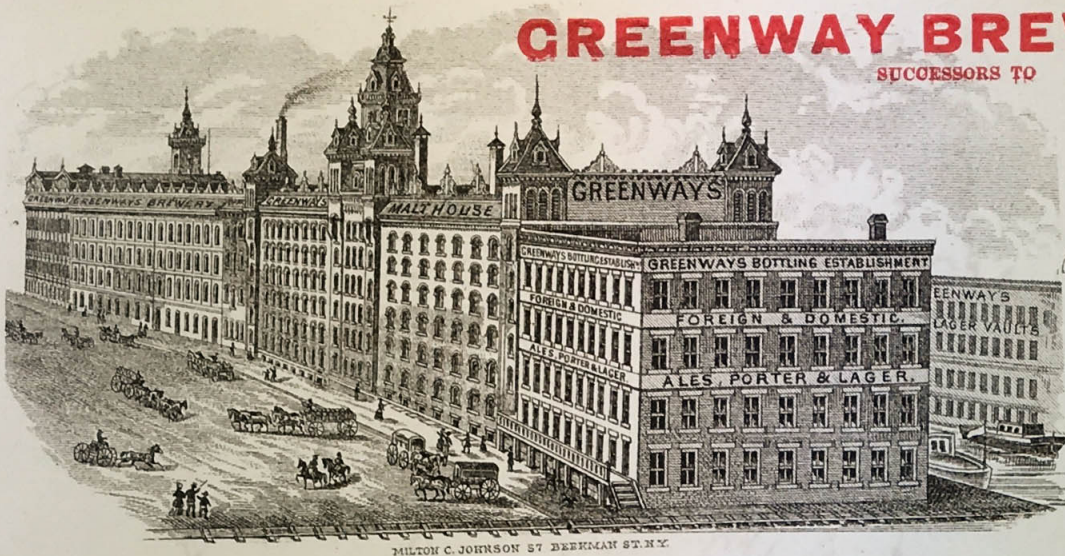
Wm. C. Bushard
March 11. 1879

Supt authorized to
furnish planchets &
practical Silva and
mining Criss, to the Repy
Consul U.S. at Hamburg,
at the request of the
Hamburg, Ind Assn Secy of
State; but this not to
be a precedent.

Recd Mch 12/79

GREENWAY BREWING CO.,

SUCCESSORS TO



John Greenway,
Brewer & Maltster.
Syracuse, N.Y.
11 "March 1879

Director U. S. Mint
Phila Pa

Dear Sir

By American
Express I send you for redemption

\$148⁰⁰ 5¢ silver coin
54⁰⁰ 3¢ " "

Respectfully
Jno Greenway Treas.

30.

John Greenway, Treas
Syracuse N.Y.
March 11/79

Forwards by Express
\$202. in Silver 5¢
and 3¢ pieces for
Redemption.

Ans Mch 15/79

Recd Mch 18/79

J. E.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 11, 1879.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, relative to furnishing Mr. Paul Möler, Deputy Consul of the U. S. at Hamburg, with planchets of the fractional silver and the minor coins, by request of Hon. Wm. Hunter, Second Assistant Secretary of State.

I know of no law or regulation prohibiting this being done, and you are hereby authorized to comply with Mr. Hunter's request.

As a general rule however, I do not regard it as advisable that

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden.

24 March, 1879.

formed that he was not my appointee, and as there were rumors rife of a possible change in the direction of the Mint, I urged the matter no further.

I cannot but think that falsifying returns is so nearly related to dishonesty, that the same motive might be detrimental to the interests of the Government in other ways. When I consider my enormous responsibility, & the great dangers to which I am exposed, from my department becoming almost unavoidably the general sink of losses, on the one hand, while on the other, the porters of the Gate might, if they were wilfully disposed, open an easy channel for plundering by the Gate, & the frequent carting to & fro' of supplies & waste, - I think that the Gate Keepers should be eminently reliable. Moreover I think that, under the circumstances herein specially detailed, Joseph Hanna should be relieved from any connection with the Mint whatever, in my Department.

I have the honor to be very respectfully yours
J. H. Booth M & R.

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

March 24, 1879.

Jas. C. Booth
Melter and Refiner.

Reports deficiency in the delivery
of coal. Recommends the exclusion
of Joseph Hanna
from all connection
with the M & R
dept.

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Recd. March 24/79

Hon A. Loudon Snowden

24 March, 1879.

A bill was rendered for 19 tons on the 31st for 6 tons delivered, but was of course withheld from payment by me, and that source of supply was stopped. The 6 tons of coal actually received, & not paid for, balanced the excess of 6 tons paid for in the previous weeks, according to my own observations.

The bills had been paid on the proof of quantity delivered by Printed tickets, signed by the Gate Keeper, Joseph Hanna. I have the tickets signed by him from the 8th to the 16th May, 8 tickets for 2 tons each, and also those from the 16th to the 31st, 9 tickets for 2 tons each, & one ticket for a single ton. I gathered the torn tickets from the waste paper basket, & have fitted them together again. Since Joseph Hanna can both read and write, he knew that he was falsifying the returns of coal delivered.

When I expressed my distrust in him, I was informed

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

March 24, 1879.

Jas. C. Booth
Melter and Refiner.

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United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

24 March, 1879.

Hon A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Sir,

In the early part of 1878 I observed that we were apparently consuming a larger amount of fuel than our business warranted, but could not trace it to any other cause than the very inferior quality of coal, & possibly to light weight. I found the weights right, and after some time succeeded in getting an improved quality of Coal. Still the expenditure continued, & in the early part of May I thought that we did not receive the full amount paid for. After a week's observations in tallying the coal received, I became satisfied that we were charged for much more than we received, & I determined to employ three persons to observe the loads of coal received. They observed that six tons were delivered in the last period from 20th to 31st May, inclusive.

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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Melter and Refiner.

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The Mint of the United States,

AT

Philadelphia, March 24, 1879.

Sir:

An average of at least two pieces of either gold or silver coin, is daily presented at this office, lacking in sonority and otherwise defective. On the 21st inst., a dollar of Philad^a coinage was presented as probably spurious. It was a fractured planchet, and had no more resonance than lead.

I have made it a rule to redeem all coins so defective, weight and other things

requisite being equal. But the number
of non-sound coins reaching the Mint
is but an index to the greater number
probably in circulation. The presence of
such defective coins in the channels of
circulation must work to the discredit
of our coinage.

Such fractured planchets could never
bear the stamp were the coins rung
piece by piece on an anvil in the adjoining
room. It is done elsewhere — in the old
world — and it may not be regarded
impossible or impracticable here.

Hon. A. Snowden } Respectfully
Superintendent } W. H. Cobb
Cobb

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Philada
Neh 24/79.

M. H. Cobb, Car

To.

A. L. Snowden

Relative to defective
coins of Philada mint
recd, ~~D~~ and suggesting
a remedy in the
careful testing of

planchets

Recd Mch 24/79
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United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

March 28, 1879.

Sir:

It will be necessary to request
the Secretary to transfer Five Hundred
-red Thousand Standard Silver
Dollars (500.000) from the Mint
vaults to the Treasury of the U.S.
with as little delay as may be.

The vaults are already glutted.

Respectfully

Hon. A. Snowden }
Superintendent }

~~W. B. B.~~

For

Attended to
S. S. P.

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Math. Cobb Esq
Cashier U.S. Mint
March 28/79

500,000 Std Silver
dollars should be trans-
ferred to the U.S. Treas-
ury, immediately, to
be placed in the vaults.

Rec'd March 28/79

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

March 31st 1879.

Hon A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent
Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 29th inst, I have the honor to state, that I had the coin weights intended for the Mint at New Orleans, as well as the standard weights intended for the Assay Office at Helena Montana, carefully tested, and enclose herewith the certificates of Mr A. Westermans, Adjutant of Scale and Weights, in testimony thereof.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant.

C. C. Borbyshell
Coiner.

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C. C. Basbyshell, Esq
London
March 31/79

Enclosing Certifi-
cates of the testing of
the coin weights for the
N. C. Mint and
Standard weights for
the Helena assay
office

Recd March 31/79

Mint of the United States, at Philadelphia,

Assay Department.

March 31st 1879

Honble. London Snowden

Superintendent &c.

Sir,

I have received from Mr. Russell B. Harrison, Assayer in charge of the Assay Office Helena, Montana; a letter requesting that I should have made and shipped to his office an apparatus for recovering volatilized bullion similar to the one tested in this Mint a year ago.

He says. "All the silver I handle is in the form of 'Retort' and has more or less Mercury remaining behind. When we melt we have

to cover our mouths and noses with a damp cloth, for the fumes, in spite of all our care, are driven out into the room when we are fluxing and have the lid of the crucible open....

I was slightly salivated showing the workmen how to handle an unusually rebellious lot of silver retort.

The workmen, two in number, were badly salivated, while Mr Mezendorff (the M&R) had a slight attack also.

One of my men has been unable to work for some weeks."

The apparatus which was constructed for the experiments which I made in the department of the M&R with the consent of that officer and by the instruction of the late Director

is now stored in the loft and could
be adapted at trifling cost to the
size pot (No 70) required by Mr Harrison.

I beg leave to ask whether,
in your opinion, this can or should
be done, and if so, whether you
will obtain an order from the
Director, which I presume would be
necessary, and would save time,
as it would not require a formal
requisition from Mr Harrison.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Alex. C. Cutlerbridge Jr.

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Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia

March 31st, 1879.

Alex. B. Underbridge ~~fr~~

in reference to apparatus
for recovering volatili-
zed metal asked for by
U. S. Assayer at Helena,
Montana.

Rec^d March 31st, 1879.

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March 31st 1879

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

March 6th, 1879.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq^r
Supt Mint. Philadelphia
Sir.

In the letter of the 5th Inst. handed me to report thereon. I find the following inquiry. "Whether any change has been made in the basining of dies at your Mint within the last three or four months, and also state the radius for each basin used at present, both for the Obverse and reverse dies."

In reply I desire to state that we have made no change in the radius of the Standard dollar, from the time that it was finally settled upon and approved, and we are, and have been, using the same radius here, and further we are certain there has been no change by accident or wear, as we have just re-turned our basins to keep them correct to the

Numbers started upon, and we have today, forty
Standard Dollar dies, ready to send to San Francisco,
all of which have been basined on the regular radius.

The numbers we use, are for Standard Dollars
Obverse 20. Reverse 25.

I would suggest, possibly their basins may have
worn out of truth and that they should, as we have
done, re-turn them

Very Respectfully
F. W. Barber
Engraver

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The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

March 6, 1879.

Wm Barber

~~Superintendent~~
Engraver

Subject:

Repts no change in
the radius for 5th dollar
die, since finally approved
& adopted. The radius is
Ab. 20. Re. 25. Have
just returned our basins,
which should perhaps be
done at the S. F. Mint

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Recd March 6/79

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

March 10, 1879.

A. E. Outerbridge

~~Superintendent.~~

Subject: To A. L. Snowden

Reports

Experiments made on
the subject of
volatilized bullion.

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Recd March 18, 1879

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, _____, 187 .

These two points being kept in view, by all concerned, it is interesting to observe the changes & modifications by which the system (as all systems are) was step by step improved & simplified until it seems very nearly complete. Certainly it is now in such a satisfactory shape as would warrant its introduction into the Mints and Assay offices & refineries generally; for it is well known that the evil which it abates is not confined to this institution The a priori difficulty that the apparatus would be in the way was quite disproved. The arrangement made it entirely convenient to work with" -

After the success of the tentative trials

had been assured, but before the schedule of experiments which had been presented to the M^r & Assayer & approved by these officers had been completed, the apparatus was removed from the furnace on account of "pressure of business"; it was stored in the loft where it yet remains.

The Drawings & specifications together with the Report of the Experiments & the letters of the M^r & Assayer were forwarded to the department at Washington. Duplicates of these papers & copies of all the documents relating to the matter are in my possession & may be obtained at any time.

I take the liberty of acquainting you with these facts as I believe no formal record of the Experiments or copies of the papers are on file in the Mint.

I am Sir

Very respectfully your most O^bd^t servant.
Alex. C. Osterhout

Mint of the United States, at Philadelphia,

Assay Department.

March 10th 1879

John London Snowden

Superintendent &c

Sir,

I desire briefly to bring to your notice the following circumstances in connection with some experiments made in this Mint on the subject of Volatilized Bullion.

At the close of the fiscal year 1877 two flues in the melting department were torn down and precious metal, which had been volatilized, was recovered, to the value of upward of three thousand dollars (\$3000).

Soon after this, when the late Director was enquiring into the matter, he saw in the office of the Assayer of this Mint, the specification & drawings of an

of an apparatus designed by myself to prevent loss of precious metal from the above cause. he ordered the machine to be constructed "and thoroughly tested by careful trials" The apparatus was made by the machinist of the Mint and it was erected at one of the furnaces in the copper melting room.

An elaborate & laborious series of experiments with synthetic alloys of silver and various base metals (using about 1000 ozs. of fine silver to each melt) was undertaken in obedience to the instructions from the late Director under date of Dec. 15th, 1877

The results proved, to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, that the machine, even in its experimental form, was capable of accomplishing the object effectively

and economically, as the following extracts from the letters of the Melter & Refiner and assayer show.

The M&R in his letter to your predecessor under date of May 3^d 1878, says:

"In relation to 2^d Trial of apparatus I remark, that the principle underlying Mr. Buttrick's process is sound, viz: to recover volatilized precious metal by drawing off the possible vapors above gold & silver in a crucible and wholly condensing them. I remark further, that this mode of effecting the result is, I believe, new, simple, effective and inexpensive
.... I wish to see it tried fully on a larger scale with silver ... and after that with gold."

The assayer under date May 10/78 says.
"I took a particular interest in this invest-

gation for two reasons. First, I was sure that we knew too little practically, about the effect of a small presence of such metals as Arsenic, lead &c. on gold & silver, i.e. we depended too much upon suppositions as to the extent or the degree in which they were injurious. The other reason was, that we have been annoyed by newspaper reports (exaggerated of course) as to the amount of gold and silver in fine dust swept up from the Mint roof & by consequence the loss of a much larger amount carried into free space, from the Mint flues.

"On one occasion at least, a specialty was made of this kind of sweep, keeping it apart & having it assayed separately; of which there are records in my office, no doubt it was so much saved; but it also indicates the desirableness of preventing any loss in that way, or making it as small as possible.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, March 11, 1879.

Hon: A. L. Snowden

Superintendent &c &c

Sir

It is proper to inform you how the matter stands, in regard to the supply of Coal, for this department.

When a change was made, from S. W. Hess, to Ellis Branson, in January last, it ~~was found~~ for supplying the whole Mint, it was found that the latter could not or did not furnish the sort which is essential for our cupel-furnaces. It was therefore conceded by the late Superintendent, that we should continue to get coal from Hess. We only use two tons a month, which we get at \$4.80 per ton, & pay monthly.

I suppose it is not necessary to trouble you with a request every month, in this business.

I would ask also, if we shall continue to get small supplies of chemicals &c. on account, without a requisition in each case.

Very respectfully
W. E. DuBois, assayer

Wm. E. DuBois, Esq
Assaya
March 11/79

Enquires if he can still
get coal, say 2 tons per
month, from S. M. Hess.
as heretofore.

Also if he can get
small supplies of chemi-
cals, without a requisition

March 12/79 approval
Endorsed on back hereof
by Supt. as to the coal.

Recd March 12/79

Approved
And the Assaya
is, under the
old arrangement
authorized - to
procure the
Coal needed
for his Dept -
from Hess -
Annually to
about 2 tons
per month
et L.S. -
Supt -

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

12th March, 1879.

Hon. A. L. Snowden

Suptdt.

Sir

Permit me to draw your attention to Gold Invoice of 27th Ult. from the N. Y. Assay Office, embracing Nos 12 and 14 to 17, of which we returned Nos 14 & 15 to the Ass. Off., and retained 12, 16 & 17, believing that they were soft enough for coinage.

I regret to report that they failed to reach our expectations, for of the 50 000 oz. delivered to the Coiner 5 000 were returned to me for their brittleness in order to be toughened & recast. I regret in this connection to say that we cannot trace the brittleness to any special number, 12, 16 or 17.

Respectfully yours

La C Booth
M & R

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

March 12th, 1879.

J. L. Booth,

Melter and Refiner.

Reports further
Brittleness in gold
by
sent New York Assay
office.

No. of Enclosures,

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Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

14th March — 1879

Hon. A. L. Snowden

Superintendent

Sir,

I herewith present the usual Reports on Bullion Melting of the preceding Month, February. Gold was not melted. The Reports on Silver are satisfactory in the number of melts condemned, (the smallest we have had,) and in the average loss in the Daily meltings, except in the apparent excess of wastage on the 26th ~~Last~~ of Feb^y.

Such losses are not infrequent from the accidental interchange of different loads of clippings, crowded into our small vault. Thus, as you will observe in the accompanying table, there was a loss of 970 oz. on the 24th Feb^y ~~Mar~~, but a gain of 940 oz. on the 25th.

After searching through the various books in which the accounts of the Daily workings are kept, we have not yet found a clue to the loss. We had a similar experience

not long since, which we attributed to a clerical error, & after two week search, found that it was due to a clerical error, due to an alteration, after making the first entry in a book.

Four in my department, engaged in these daily accounts of workings, agree that the apparent wastage is a clerical error, because the preceding and succeeding workings are quite regular in their average losses, altho they more or less depend on each other, hence the work of the 26th was not vitiated by its predecessors, nor did the succeeding work show that that of the 26th was vitiating, or wrong. Moreover the Assays of the work on the 26th were quite regular, showing no separation of silver from its copper. Hence our inference that there is an accidental overcharge of one bar, which the future will rectify.

It is satisfactory to know that the average wastage of the Month is much below the legal allowance, with the bar of Monthly grains, Assay Slips, and Sweep to reduce the ratio still further, even if we cannot trace the error.

Respectfully yours
J. H. Booth M & R

Mint of the United States.

Jas. C. Beathall & Co

Philadelphia, Feb 14, 1879

No. of Papers, 2.

Subject, Transmitting &
Explaining Statements of
Bullion Operations and
Silver melting for the
month of February, 1879.

Rec Feb 14/79

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

18 March, 1879.

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Sir,

In presenting you my report of the Daily meltings of bullion, I presented the facts as they are, desirous that you should know the detailed working of this Department of the Mint, & with scarcely any comment. Lest I should be understood as indicating a probable illegitimate loss during the month of February, I here add a few words of explanation. Until with a few months our practice has been to deduct general grains of the Month from the reported loss, & then calculate its percentage, or rather pr. thousand, loss or wastage, whereby the apparent wastage was reduced. In this way it has been generally below 1000 for nearly a year past, & so much had we improved in lessening wastage, that I ceased to subtract

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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Melter and Refiner.

No. of Enclosures,

the weight of General Grains from the monthly loss, & yet our wastage had a favorable look.

The wastage of February, $\frac{1\frac{1}{4}}{1000}$, is only a shade larger than we have had previously, until this same period in 1878, when & before which, for a long time, the wastages were frequently much greater. If we subtract the General Grains, the wastage of February is only a little over $\frac{1}{1000}$.

The loss in February is not therefore unusual, and indicates nothing wrong. What I desired to draw attention to was the irregularity in the wastages of different days, for ex. on the 11th Inst. the wastage was about 2 oz. on a working of 96,000 oz., on two other days (7th & 19th) it was 10 & 17 oz. on 95 & 97,000. oz. respectively, while on the other hand it was 120 oz. (on the 27th) on about 95,000 oz.

A survey of the Tabulated Silver meltings shows most clearly that there are errors in the weighings, & especially portions of a wrong lot of clippings have been entered on the book of daily meltings, & both these causes give rise to the

to the irregularity of the day's returns.

I am quite willing to allow that the crowded state of our vault is a primary cause of defective returns. Almost every night we have six or more loads of clippings belonging to different receipts from the Supdt., each accurately weighed, & ready for use. One or more of these is taken out for the day's melting, & often portions of a load, & in spite of the care in selecting the night car, they are often, rather perhaps occasionally, accidentally interchanged. Again, no inconsiderable engineering is requisite to get all the cars into the vault, & in doing so, portions undoubtedly fall off, and are interchanged with others, tending to vitiate our returns.

I have adopted methods of keeping regular in our daily accounts with considerable success, & shall continue to do so. What I especially ask is to be sustained in the system I have long since adopted with entire success, and that is, that in all weighings between the operative officers, through your representative, no one be allowed to read the weight aloud until each of the three representatives has put down the weight in question. Error in such a case would be impossible.

Respectfully yours
J. H. Booth m & R

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Philada. Dec 18th 1879.

J. C. Booth, M. & K.

Edw. L. Snowden

Relative to the
report of the daily
meltings of bullion.

Recd Dec 18/79

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

March 20 . . . , 1879.

Sir:

Upon consultation with Mr. Leidy I am now prepared to say that we have never shipped any circulated silver coin upon the order of the Treasurer of the U. S. or any other person. We sometimes make up broken packages out of the tray, and now and then a piece or two of circulated coin may have gone into the bags. Mr. Leidy thinks that never more than a dollar, probably less than a dollar, has gone into any shipment.

Respectfully

Wm. C. Carl

Hon. A. L. Snowden, Sept. 3

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Philada

Dec 20/79

Wm H Cobb

Cash

To A. L. Snowden

Never have shipped
any circulated silver
coin, upon the order
of the ~~Secy of Treasury~~
Mr. A. & others.

Recd Dec 20/79

The
Mint of the United States,
at
Philadelphia, March 1st 1879

Hon A. L. Snowden

Supt U. S. Mint
at Philad^a

I hereby tender my
resignation as Special Asst
in the General Department
of the United States Mint to
take effect from the 1st March
1879.

J. M. By J. M. B.
W. C. Pollock
per J. C. Pollock

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James C. Pollock
Milb. Oct 1/79

Resigns his position
as general assistant

Recd Oct 7. 1879

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

March 22, 1879.

Sir:

Standard Silver Dollars are now presented in exchange for Minor coins. As they are a legal tender for any amount I do not see how customs are to be denied. Awaiting your orders or suggestions

Respectfully

W. H. C.

Hon. A. L. Snowden }
Superintendent }

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Phila.
Mch 22/79

Wm. H. Cobb Esq
Prof L Snowden

Silver dollars are
presented in exchange
for minor coins.
As the instructions

Recd Mch 22/79

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

4th March, 1879

Hon. A. L. Snowden
Superintendent
Sir,

Bar melts, Nos 14 & 15 of the Invoice of Gold, received from the N. Y. Assay Office on 27th Ult., proved to be so brittle when chipping them for assay, that the Assayer & myself considered them unfit for coinage, & wrote to that effect to Mr Mason of the Assay Office, requesting him to take them back to refine them.

Mr Mason has since then sent us two strips rolled from the same metal to show its adaptation to coinage, but these same strips gave to the Comer & myself the clearest evidence that the metal is unfit for coinage. We therefore urge its return to the A. Off.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth m & R

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U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa
Mch 4/79

As. to Booth
M+N

Bar melts nos.
14 & 15, Gold from
N.Y. Assay Office
too brittle for
conduits; advising
that they be sent
back.

Recd Mch 4/79

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 4, 1879.

Sir:

Owing to the crowded condition of
your vaults for the storage of Standard Dollars,
I would respectfully suggest that the Secretary
of the Treasury be requested to transfer at least
\$1000.000 (Standard Silver Dollars) to the Treasury
at the earliest practicable moment.

Unless relieved by transfer you will in a few
days be unable to take deliveries of coin from the
Mint.

Respectfully,

W. H. Cobb
J. H.

Hon. A. L. Snowden
Superintendent

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Mint of the United States,

PHILADELPHIA,

Mar. 4, 1879.

~~Alonzo B. Borden~~
~~JAMES POLLOCK,~~

~~Superintendent.~~

M. St. Cobb, Cashier.

Subject: The transfer of
Standard Silver Dollars
from the Superintendent's
vaults to the Treasury
of the U. S.

No. of Enclosures, _____

Rec'd Mar 4/79

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

March 22^d 1879.

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden,
Superintendent.

Sir;

In response to the letter of the Director of the Mint, of the 12th inst, enclosing a letter of the Hon. R. W. Thompson, Secretary of the Navy, addressed to the Hon. John Sherman, Secretary of the Treasury, and by him referred to the Director of the Mint, together with an extract from a letter of P. S. P. Courner, of Rowlandville P.O., Cecil Co., Md, relative to the Capt Jacob Lawrence Medals, all of which were referred to me, by you, for investigation and report, I have the honor to state that I am unable to find any data as to whether the silver medals, referred to in the above correspondence, were ever made or not.

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The original dies for these medals must have been completed some time in the latter part of the year 1813.

At the time of the capture of the "Peacock" by the "Hornet", February 24th 1813, Congress was most probably in session. This brilliant naval engagement must have occasioned great excitement in the Country, and much enthusiasm for the hero of that fight, Capt. Lawrence. The records of Congress, about that time, will most probably show some action towards rewarding Capt. Lawrence.

Early in January 1814, Mr. President Madison called the attention of Congress to ^{the} matter of furnishing a gold medal to the nearest male relative of Capt. Lawrence, (the Captain having been killed in June 1813) and on the 11th of January 1814, Congress passed a joint resolution requesting the President

President to present to the nearest male relative of Captain Jacob Lawrence a gold medal commemorative of his services, and that a Silver medal be given to each of the Commissioned Officers, who had served under him in the "Hornet".

Amongst the records of the State Department, should be found this, and any preceding Congressional resolutions, and the subject can be traced therefrom.

The records of the Navy Department ought to show whether any acknowledgement was ever made by the parties to whom these medals were voted.

The Lawrence Medal dies now in use, in the Mint, are reproductions of the original dies. It seems to be the impression of those who have any recollection in regard to the original dies, that they were very badly cracked and broken. I do not

not think all this damage was done by the striking of the gold medal.

There is in the Mint cabinet a Copper Medal, which must have been struck from the original dies, as it was placed there, so far as I can learn, with other National Medals, by Mr Franklin Peale formerly Chief Coiner of this Mint. This medal shows the dies from

which it was struck to have been perfect, with the exception of the obverse die, which shows a bad crack in the centre. the reverse is perfect.

Dr. R. Coulton Davis, of this City, has in his possession a copper Lawrence Medal, the obverse and reverse of which show both the dies, to have been badly cracked and damaged. This he procured some fifteen

years ago. The present dies are in perfect condition - they have been in use about eight years.

I cannot find any record of the

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the disposition of the old dies, but presume they were totally destroyed, and sold as old steel.

I have the honor to return here with, the letters referred to above.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Ol. Postysheell

Courier.

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March 22nd 1879

O. C. Postbysell
Comdr

To A. L. Snowden

Relative to Capt
Jacob Lawrence
Medals.

Rec^d March 22/89

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

~~Assay Department,~~

March 11th, 1879.

Hon. London Snowden Superintendent &c

Sir,

The bills which we return herewith were prepared by the Acting Superintendent of the Mint in New Orleans and were signed by us, prior to our departure, by his direction. They were based upon the ac rendered by us for actual expenses incurred on the trip from Philadelphia to New Orleans.

The amount paid for transportation was identical with the amount stated in the bills and although we did not keep an itemized memorandum of our minor expenses on the return trip, we believe that they fully equalled and, in point of fact, slightly exceeded, that stated in the bills.

We are Very Respectfully
Alex. C. Osterbridge Jr.
Saml James
Jno. Reed.

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Phila. March 11th 1879

A. E. Outerbridge
Sam'l James
Jno Reed

To A. L. Snodden

Relative to Expenses of
return of trip to
New Orleans.

Recd. Mar 11/79

Reports & Letters

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Superintendent

Nos 8-96 $\frac{1}{2}$

March 1879

Mar 13th

27 Lafayette Ave
Brooklyn. N.Y.
March 1879

Director, U.S. Mint
Philadelphia. Pa

May I ask you to inform
me when pure gold may be
bought in any of our Eastern
Cities & What is the Value
per ounce of the same in
Money -

Very Respectfully Yours
R. S. Pinckham

R. N. Pritchard

Brooklyn NY

March 11/79

Engaged when to
purchase from gold
in our Eastern cities,
& its value per ounce

Ans. March 13/79

Recd March 12/79

Mar 12/

Weedsport March 10th 1879

Dear Sir

I have in my possession some rock that I am told contains metal of some kind and am anxious to have it essayed how small a quantity can you essay and can we send you the rock instead of coming if so how shall I direct please answer immediately and oblige

Yours Truly

J H Kadan

Address J H Kadan

Weedsport
Cayuga Co
NY

Can you analyze eight or ten pounds and what will the expense be either of analyzing or assaying that amount please answer by return mail.

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J. H. Skadan
Weedport N.Y.
March 11/79

Wants mineral
Specimen assayed
How much must
be sent and cost?

(Ans. March 12/79)

Rec'd March 12/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

March 12, 1879.

Sir:

In accordance with the information contained in your letter of the 11th inst, the name of Nathaniel M. Osbury, Adjuster, resigned, has been dropped from the Official Register of this Office to take effect from the 1st ultimo.

Very respectfully,

Horatio Burchard

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

R.M.

Horatio Bushard
March 12/79

Stattie M. Asbury
Adjutant, resigned 1st
Feb 1879, has been
discharged from the
rolls as of that
date.

Recd Mch 13/79

R&P

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 12th, 1879.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, requesting to be informed of the amount of standard silver dollars your Mint will be required to coin during the current month, I have to inform you, that it will be necessary for you to coin, eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Brice
Director.

D. M.

Horton & Burchard

March 12/79

\$50,000 Standard
Silver Dollars to be
coined in March.

Recd Mch 13/79

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

March 12th, 1879.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing a statement of the silver purchases at your mint from March 3^d to 8th instant, inclusive.

I am Sir, very respectfully

Horatio C. Burdick

A. Loudon Snowden Esq

Director.

Superintendent &c,

Philadelphia Pa.

D. M.

Notation of Buchard
March 12/79

Recd Statement
of Silva purchased
from March 3 @ 8th
inclusion.

Recd March 13/79

J. E.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 12, 1879.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Hon. R. W. Thompson, Secretary of the Navy, and referred to this Office by the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing an extract from a letter of Mr. P. G. P. Conner relative to certain silver medals awarded to each of the commissioned officers of the Hornet, by Resolution of Congress approved January 11, 1814, and which it is claimed were never struck owing to the breaking of the die.

I have to request that you will

cause the Records of your Mint to be examined with a view to ascertain the facts in the case, and report the same to this Office at your earliest convenience.

Please return the enclosed papers with your reply.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Brichard
Director.

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Horatio Bushard
March 12/79

At the request of the
Secy of the Navy, enquires
about alleged token medals,
for a silver medal
awarded to the Commissioned
Officers of the Hornet by
Resolution of Congress
approved January 11. 1814.

Recd March 13/79

J. E.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 12, 1879.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.
Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Office of the cost of a platinum apparatus for nitric acid parting of gold assays - the basket to hold twelve cornets - complete and ready for adjustment for use.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Burdick
Director.

@ 3/21/79

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Dell.

Horatio C. Bushard

March 12. 1879

Enquires the cost of
a platinum apparatus
for nitric parting of
gold assays.

[Mem. from Assayer Dubois
to H. C. Bushard, N.Y. filed
herein.]

also see, on the file,
letter of Mch 20, from H.
Mr. Rayner. —

ansd Mch 21/79

Recd Mch 13/79

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, March 17, 1879.

Hon. A. London Snowden

Superintendent &c. &c.

Sir

In replying to the letter of the Director, of the 12th inst., asking for the cost of a platinum apparatus for assays, you will please observe that our set, which was imported twelve years ago (shortly after the invention) is much larger; and that the set now asked for can only be had by order. I infer this from the letter which is enclosed.

The cost of a single basket with 12 thimbles, receiver and dome (all of platinum), with an earthen condenser & glass connections, would no doubt be over one hundred dollars.

If the Director prefers to import direct, the makers are Mess^{rs} Johnson, Matthey & Co. Refiners, London.

Very respectfully

Wm E DuBois
Assayer

Platinum

Apparatus, Vessels, Sheet, Wire, etc.

for all

Laboratory & Manufacturing Purposes.

Scrap and Ore purchased.

Memorandum.

To Mr. W. E. D. O'Bois

Phila Pa

H. M. Paynor.

25 Bond Street,

New York N.Y. 15th 1879

Dear Sir - I have rec'd your note from Mr. Torrey
I sold the Assay App. to Dr. Linderman in 1867
but have no record of detail sizes or weights. If
you will send dimensions & weights of "thinbles" and
"basket" I can give you approximate cost - but
to make duplicates, I think I should need
to have them here, if practicable.

Respying
H. M. Paynor.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 12, 1879.

Sir:

In accordance with the information contained in your communication of the 11th inst., the name of Mr. Burnman, Laborer, has been dropped from the Official Register of this office, to take effect on the 8th inst.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burdett

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

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D.M.

Franklin Burchard
March 12/79

As reported by
Supt the name of
Wm Burnman,
Laboree, has been
dropped from the
Rolls March 8/79

Recd March 13/79

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/MARCH
